



**ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION**

**OCTOBER 17, 2005
2:00 P.M.**

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

AGENDA

1. Call to Order--Roll Call.

The Invocation will be delivered by Vice-Mayor Beverly T. Fitzpatrick, Jr.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America will be led by Mayor C. Nelson Harris.

Welcome. Mayor Harris.

NOTICE:

Today's Council meeting will be replayed on Channel 3 on Thursday, October 20, 2005, at 7:00 p.m., and Saturday, October 22, 2005, at 4:00 p.m. Council meetings are offered with closed captioning for the hearing impaired.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED THAT MEMBERS OF COUNCIL RECEIVE THE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA AND RELATED COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS, ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS, ETC., ON THE WEDNESDAY PRIOR TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT TIME FOR REVIEW OF INFORMATION. CITIZENS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN OBTAINING A COPY OF ANY ITEM LISTED ON THE AGENDA MAY CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, ROOM 456, NOEL C. TAYLOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 215 CHURCH AVENUE, S. W., OR CALL 853-2541.

THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE PROVIDES THE MAJORITY OF THE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ON THE INTERNET FOR VIEWING AND RESEARCH PURPOSES. TO ACCESS AGENDA MATERIAL, GO TO THE CITY'S HOMEPAGE AT WWW.ROANOKEVA.GOV, CLICK ON THE ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL ICON, CLICK ON MEETINGS AND AGENDAS, AND DOWNLOAD THE ADOBE ACROBAT SOFTWARE TO ACCESS THE AGENDA.

ALL PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL ARE REQUESTED TO REGISTER WITH THE STAFF ASSISTANT WHO IS LOCATED AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE COUNCIL CHAMBER. ON THE SAME AGENDA ITEM, ONE TO FOUR SPEAKERS WILL BE ALLOTTED FIVE MINUTES EACH, HOWEVER, IF THERE ARE MORE THAN FOUR SPEAKERS, EACH SPEAKER WILL BE ALLOTTED THREE MINUTES.

ANY PERSON WHO IS INTERESTED IN SERVING ON A CITY COUNCIL APPOINTED AUTHORITY, BOARD, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AT 853-2541, OR ACCESS THE CITY'S HOMEPAGE AT WWW.ROANOKEVA.GOV, TO OBTAIN AN APPLICATION.

2. PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

Proclamation declaring October 23 - 29, 2005 as Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

ALL MATTERS LISTED UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE BY THE MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THE ITEMS. IF DISCUSSION IS DESIRED, THE ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.

- C-1 Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on Tuesday, September 6, 2005.

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RECOMMENDED ACTION: Dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve as recorded.

- C-2 A communication from Mayor C. Nelson Harris requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss vacancies on certain authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by Council, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(1), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

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RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concur in the request.

- C-3 A communication from Monica S. Jones tendering her resignation as a member of the Roanoke Civic Center Commission.

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RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accept the resignation and receive and file the communication.

- C-4 A communication from Rich McGimsey tendering his resignation as a member of the Fair Housing Board.

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RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accept the resignation and receive and file the communication.

- C-5 Annual Report of the Board of Equalization for the Taxable Year July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006.

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RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

- C-6 A communication from the City Attorney requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting for consultation with legal counsel regarding actual litigation where such consultation in open session would adversely affect the City's negotiating or litigating posture, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(7), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

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RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concur in the request.

- C-7 Qualification of the following persons:

Alison S. Blanton as a member of the Architectural Review Board, for a term ending October 1, 2009;

Talfourd H. Kemper, Jr., as a member of the Roanoke Valley Greenway Commission, for a term ending June 30, 2007; and

Julian H. Raney, Jr., as a member of the Court Community Corrections Program Regional Community Criminal Justice Board, for a term ending June 30, 2008.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

REGULAR AGENDA

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.

5. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. Recommendation from the Commonwealth's Attorney for appropriation of Forfeited Criminal Assets funds to continue criminal law enforcement efforts; and a communication from the City Manager concurring in the recommendation.
- b. Approval of issuance of not to exceed \$450 million in Industrial Development Authority Virginia Hospital Revenue Bonds for Carilion Health System Obligated Group for various construction projects. Harwell M. Darby, Jr., Attorney, Spokesperson. (Sponsored by the City Manager.)

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B/O 22

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P 24;
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6. REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

a. CITY MANAGER:

BRIEFINGS: NONE.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

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| 1. | Acceptance of Runaway and Homeless Youth Program Grant funds from the United States Department of Health and Human Services; and appropriation of funds. | P 28;
B/O 31;
R 32 |
| 2. | Adoption of the Regional Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan for the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Region. | P 33;
R 34 |
| 3. | Adoption of a criteria for funding non-profit organizations. | P 35;
R 37 |
| 4. | Amendment of the City Code to provide for the practice of veteran's preference in compliance with State law with regard to personnel decisions. | P 38;
O 40 |
| 5. | Endorsement of Alternative 3, the Transportation System Management (TSM) alternative, in connection with extension of Wonju Street between Colonial Avenue and Brandon Avenue, S. W. | P 42;
R 44 |
| 6. | Appropriation of funds for the purchase of Country Side Golf Course and management lease. | P 45;
B/O 47;
O 48 |
- b. CITY ATTORNEY:

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| 1. | Adoption of an Ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 37157-081505, adopted August 15, 2005, in connection with amending proffered conditions binding upon a 2.615-acre parcel of land located at 3361 Melrose Avenue, N. W., owned by Roanoke Investments Associated, Inc., correcting the date of the filing of the Second Amended Petition, and adopting proffered conditions filed on that date. | P 49;
O 50 |
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c. **DIRECTOR OF FINANCE:**

1. Adoption of an Ordinance implementing 2004–2005 changes to the Personal Property Tax Relief Act.

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7. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

- a. Request of the Roanoke City School Board for appropriation of funds to various school accounts; and a report of the Director of Finance recommending that Council concur in the request. Kenneth F. Mundy, Executive Director of Fiscal Services, Spokesperson.

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8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.

9. INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: NONE.

10. MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

- a. Inquiries and/or comments by the Mayor and Members of City Council.
- b. Vacancies on certain authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by Council.

11. HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS:

CITY COUNCIL SETS THIS TIME AS A PRIORITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD. MATTERS REQUIRING REFERRAL TO THE CITY MANAGER WILL BE REFERRED IMMEDIATELY FOR RESPONSE, RECOMMENDATION OR REPORT TO COUNCIL.

12. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION.

THE COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE DECLARED IN RECESS TO BE RECONVENED AT 7:00 P.M., IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, ROOM 450, NOEL C. TAYLOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING.



**ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION**

**OCTOBER 17, 2005
7:00 P.M.**

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

AGENDA

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A. PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

A Resolution memorializing the late F. Wiley Hubbell, a long-time resident of the City of Roanoke and 1996 Citizen of the Year.

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B. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Proposal of the City of Roanoke to amend Vision 2001–2020, the City’s Comprehensive Plan, to include the Peters Creek South Neighborhood Plan. R. Brian Townsend, Agent, City Planning Commission.

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O 118

2. Conveyance of an easement across City-owned property located on Luck Avenue, S. W., the site of the Commonwealth Building, to Roanoke Gas Company for installation of a new regulator station. Darlene L. Burcham, City Manager.

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O 126

3. Consideration of previously received applications for Federal funds made available through the Department of Transportation for transportation enhancement projects in Fiscal Year 2005–2006. Darlene L. Burcham, City Manager.

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R 135;
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Minutes for Tuesday, September 6, 2005, were not available for scanning.



C. NELSON HARRIS
Mayor

CITY OF ROANOKE
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

215 CHURCH AVENUE, S.W., ROOM 452
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October 17, 2005

The Honorable Vice-Mayor and Members
of the Roanoke City Council
Roanoke, Virginia

Dear Members of Council:

This is to request a Closed Meeting to discuss vacancies on certain authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by Council, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(1), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C. Nelson Harris". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

C. Nelson Harris
Mayor

CNH:snh

August 18, 2005

Monica S. Jones
P.O. Box 1881
Roanoke, Virginia 24008

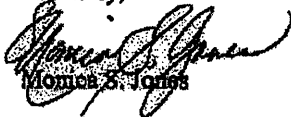
Tommy Powers, President
Roanoke Civic Center Board of Commissioners
710 Williamson Road
Roanoke, Virginia 24016

Dear Mr. Powers:

Please accept this letter as a formal resignation for my position as a member of the board of commissioners for the Roanoke Civic Center. My former and current employment has enabled me to attend meetings for which I am required. Unfortunately, I feel by giving up this position, it would allow you to fill my position with someone who can give the time and attention this committee requires. Therefore, I am tendering my resignation to you effective immediately.

My experience with the board of commissioners has been very rewarding. I appreciate having had the opportunity to serve as a member. I wish you and the other members continued success.

Sincerely,



Monica S. Jones

MSJ

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TO: 8536597

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October 4, 2005

Dear Board Members:

I regret to inform the board that I will be moving to Roanoke County at the end of this month. This change in residence requires that I resign as a voting member of the Fair Housing Board. I have very much enjoyed being a part of this board and feel its mission is extremely important for the citizens of Roanoke and housing providers. I would like to remain involved with the board and help out in anyway possible.

Sincerely,

Rich McGimsey
Rich McGimsey

STAFF CLERK 05 OCT 11 PM 12:18

TWENTY-THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF VIRGINIA



CLIFFORD R. WECKSTEIN, JUDGE
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CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ROANOKE
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CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE CITY OF SALEM

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

October 3, 2005

The Honorable C. Nelson Harris, Mayor
Members of the City Council
City of Roanoke
215 Church Avenue, S.W., Room 452
Roanoke, Virginia 24011-1594

Annual Report of the Board of Equalization

Dear Mayor Harris and Members of Council:

I am enclosing the Report of the Board of Equalization for the taxable year July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006. The members of the Board rendered signal service this year, hearing and deciding 107 appeals (75 residential and 32 commercial and industrial) — an increase of almost 73 % from the 62 appeals considered last year.

The three members of the Board of Equalization appear to have carried out their duties with commitment, dedication, and industry. They are highly-qualified, active, successful professionals who have demonstrated that they are willing to devote the time and effort necessary to diligently perform their vital public function. For each member of the Board, the "opportunity cost" of this public service is quite high. Under City Code § 32-39, Board members "receive such per diem compensation for the time actually engaged in the duties of the board as may be fixed by city council." The current per diem amount is \$100 — the amount that Council set more than two decades ago. On behalf of the members of the Board, I suggest that it would be quite appropriate for Council to consider substantially increasing this per diem amount.

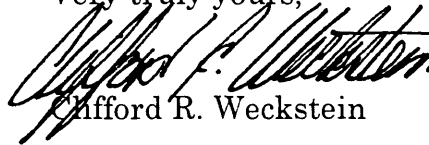
The members of the Board were unstinting in their praise for Ms. Pat Lamb, who once again served as the Board's clerical secretary. They appreciate the fact that the City's Administration has provided office space, furniture, computers and software that continue to be available for the Board's exclusive use, and they are grateful to Susan Lower and the

Mayor Harris and Members of City Council
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employees of the Office of Real Estate Valuation for their cooperation in supplying property data and making sure that the Board's information and software are up-to-date, and for their accommodating and open attitudes.

I send best regards.

Very truly yours,



Clifford R. Weckstein

cc: Ms. Darlene L. Burcham, City Manager
William M. Hackworth, Esquire, City Attorney
✓ Ms. Mary F. Parker, City Clerk
Ms. Sharon L. Ramsey, Chairman, Board of Equalization
Mr. Thomas M. Hubbard, Vice-Chairman, Board of Equalization
Mr. Robert K. Floyd, Jr., Secretary, Board of Equalization
Judges Jonathan M. Apgar, Robert P. Doherty, Jr.; James R. Swanson,
Charles N. Dorsey, William D. Broadhurst



Board of Equalization

Noel C. Taylor Municipal Building, Room 250
215 Church Avenue, SW
Roanoke, Virginia 24011

*Received and filed -
September 29, 2005*

*Clifford R. Weckstein
Judge*

September 21, 2005

The Honorable Judge Clifford R. Weckstein
Judge of the Circuit Court
City of Roanoke
Roanoke, Virginia 24011

Dear Judge Weckstein:

We wish to inform you that the Board of Equalization has completed its work for the taxable year July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006.

The Board received 107 appeals. All properties were inspected with the following results:

107 Appeals were considered

75 Residential

39 Residential affirmed value

30 Residential decreased value

2 Residential increased value

4 Residential appeals were withdrawn before inspection

32 Commercial and Industrial

24 Commercial and Industrial affirmed value

4 Commercial and Industrial decreased value

4 Commercial and Industrial appeals were withdrawn before inspection

The Honorable Judge Clifford R. Weckstein

September 21, 2005

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Orders were dated and mailed on September 20, 2005 informing each property owner of our decision.

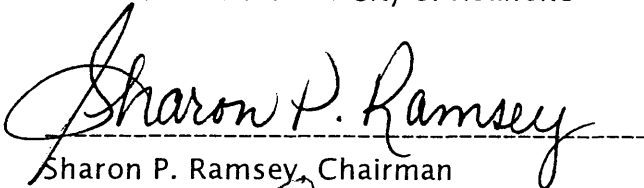
We would like to thank the Office of Real Estate Valuation for supplying property data on various properties. We trust that this assistance will be available for future Boards.

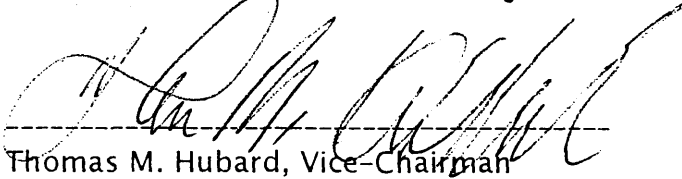
It is recommended that future Equalization Boards continue to have separate office space from the Office of Real Estate Valuation.

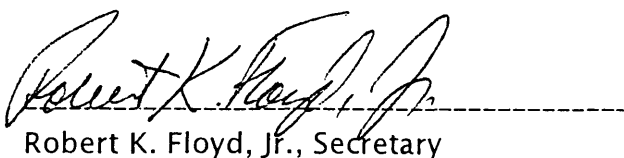
Should you have any questions, please contact us.

Respectfully,

Board of Equalization of Real Estate
Assessments for the City of Roanoke


Sharon P. Ramsey, Chairman


Thomas M. Hubbard, Vice-Chairman


Robert K. Floyd, Jr., Secretary

SPR/pal



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ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEYS

October 17, 2005

The Honorable Mayor and Members
of City Council
Roanoke, Virginia

Re: Request for closed meeting

Dear Mayor Harris and Council Members:

This is to request that City Council convene a closed meeting for consultation with legal counsel regarding actual litigation where such consultation in open session would adversely affect the City's negotiating or litigating posture, pursuant to §2.2-3711.A.7, Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Hackworth".

William M. Hackworth
City Attorney

WMH:s

cc: Darlene L. Burcham, City Manager
Mary F. Parker, City Clerk

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA



DONALD S. CALDWELL
COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY

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CITY OF ROANOKE
OFFICE OF THE COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY
315 CHURCH AVENUE
ROANOKE, VIRGINIA 24016

October 17, 2005

Honorable C. Nelson Harris, Mayor
Honorable Beverly T. Fitzpatrick, Jr., Vice Mayor
Honorable Dr. M. Rupert Cutler, Council Member
Honorable Alfred T. Dowe, Jr., Council Member
Honorable Sherman P. Lea, Council Member
Honorable Brenda L. McDaniel, Council Member
Honorable Brian J. Wishneff, Council Member

Dear Mayor Harris and Members of City Council:

Subject: Cash Assets Forfeited to the Roanoke Commonwealth
Attorney's Office

In an effort to better fund law enforcement efforts to fight crime, particularly drug crime, in 1986, the Federal government adopted a system of asset forfeiture whereby forfeited assets, under certain conditions, could be returned to local law enforcement agencies, police and prosecutors, for use in their fight against crime.

In July, 1991, Virginia asset forfeiture statute, which generally is patterned after the Federal statute, took effect, providing that forfeited criminal assets may be returned to local police and prosecutors for use in the fight against crime.

Periodically, assets seized as evidence are ordered forfeited by the local courts to the police or the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney to be used for criminal law enforcement efforts.

In August, 1991, a grant fund account for cash assets forfeited to the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney was established with an appropriation of \$25,000.

Considerations:

Since August, 1991, the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney has expended the \$25,000 originally appropriated, and periodically receives additional funds from the state's asset sharing program. Grant requirements include that these funds be placed in an interest bearing account and the interest earned be used in accordance with program guidelines.

Revenues collected through June 30, 2005, for this grant are \$211,254. The interest on this account collected through June 30, 2005, is \$18,899. Funding received in excess of the revenues estimate totals \$24,910, and needs to be appropriated.

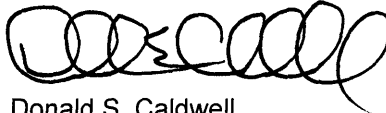
Honorable Mayor and Members of Council
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Funds must be appropriated before they can be expended for law enforcement.

Recommended Action(s):

Adopt the accompanying budget ordinance to increase the revenue estimates for Forfeited Criminal Assets (035-150-5140-7107) and Forfeited Criminal Assets Interest (035-150-5140-7275) in the amounts of \$22,999 and \$1,911 respectively, and appropriate funding to the Forfeited Criminal Assets accounts (035-150-5140) in the Grant Fund as listed in Attachment 1.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald S. Caldwell", written over a horizontal line.

Donald S. Caldwell
Roanoke City Commonwealth Attorney

DSC:jf
Attachment

c: Mary F. Parker, City Clerk
William M. Hackworth, City Attorney
Jesse A. Hall, Director of Finance

Attachment 1

2030	Administrative Supplies	\$4,499
2035	Expendable Equipment<\$5000	\$6,911
2044	Training & Development	\$3,000
7007	CIS-Personal Computer Rent/ Maintenance	\$6,500
2021	Telephone-Cellular	<u>\$4,000</u>
	TOTAL	\$24,910



CITY OF ROANOKE

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

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September 6, 2005

Honorable C. Nelson Harris, Mayor
Honorable Beverly T. Fitzpatrick, Jr., Vice Mayor
Honorable M. Rupert Cutler, Council Member
Honorable Alfred T. Dowe, Jr., Council Member
Honorable Sherman P. Lea, Council Member
Honorable Brenda L. McDaniel, Council Member
Honorable Brian J. Wishneff, Council Member

Dear Mayor Harris and Members of City Council:

Subject: Cash Assets Forfeited to the
Roanoke Commonwealth
Attorney's Office CO05-0006

I concur with the recommendation from Donald Caldwell, Commonwealth Attorney, for the City of Roanoke, with respect to the subject reference above and recommend that City Council adopt the budget ordinance to increase revenue for Forfeited Criminal Assets and Forfeited Criminal Assets Interest in the amount of \$22,999 and \$1,911 respectively.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darlene Burcham".

Darlene L. Burcham
City Manager

DLB:sm

c: Mary F. Parker, City Clerk
William M. Hackworth, City Attorney
Jesse A. Hall, Director of Finance

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROANOKE, VIRGINIA

AN ORDINANCE appropriating funds for the Forfeited Criminal Assets Grant, amending and reordaining certain sections of the 2005-2006 Grant Fund Appropriations, and dispensing with the second reading by title of this ordinance.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Roanoke that the following sections of the 2005-2006 Grant Fund Appropriations be, and the same are hereby, amended and reordained to read and provide as follows:

Grant Fund

Appropriations

Telephone-Cellular	035-150-5140-2021	\$ 4,000
Administrative Supplies	035-150-5140-2030	4,499
Expendable Equipment<\$5000	035-150-5140-2035	6,911
Training and Development	035-150-5140-2044	3,000
DOT Billings	035-150-5140-7005	6,500

Revenues

Forfeited Criminal Assets Grant	035-150-5140-7107	22,999
Forfeited Criminal Assets Interest	035-150-5140-7275	1,911

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 12 of the City Charter, the second reading of this ordinance by title is hereby dispensed with.

ATTEST:

City Clerk.



CITY OF ROANOKE
OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

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October 11, 2005

The Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council
Roanoke, Virginia

Dear Mayor and Members of Council:

I would like to sponsor a request from Sam Darby, requesting City Council to take action on a resolution regarding \$450 million in IDA Virginia Hospital Revenue Bonds for Carilion Health System Obligated Group for various construction projects.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Darlene L. Burcham". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Darlene" being more prominent.

Darlene L. Burcham
City Manager

DLB:sm

c: City Attorney
Director of Finance
City Clerk

HARWELL M. DARBY, JR.
Direct Dial (540) 224-8006
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October 11, 2005

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HAND DELIVERED

Ms. Mary F. Parker, Clerk
Roanoke City Council
456 Municipal Building
215 Church Avenue, S.W.
Roanoke, VA 24011
Attention: Ms. Sheila Hartman, Deputy Clerk

Re: Industrial Development Authority of the City of Roanoke, Virginia
Requested Action for Carilion Health System

Dear Mary,

We have, by email, delivered a so called TEFRA Resolution as well as a Certificate of Public Hearing, requesting action by the City Council of the City of Roanoke, Virginia at its October 17 meeting.

The Industrial Development Authority of the City of Roanoke, Virginia has undertaken a large bond issue for Carilion Health System. The size of the financing at this point is \$329,050,000 though it could vary between now and the scheduled date of the closing, November 9, due to fluctuations in the financial markets.

The purpose of the financing is to pay for the ongoing expansions at Community and Roanoke Memorial Hospitals as well as to reconfigure and /or extend maturities on other outstanding indebtedness, some of which was used for hospitals located in the City of Bedford and Montgomery, Giles and Franklin Counties.

We would appreciate the Council's favorable action on this resolution on October 17.

Very truly yours,



Harwell M. Darby, Jr.

HMDJR:1ww:0042106



IN THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROANOKE, VIRGINIA

The 17th day of October, 2005

No. ____

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Roanoke, Virginia authorizing, among other things, the issuance of not to exceed \$450,000,000 aggregate principal amount of Industrial Development Authority of the City of Roanoke, Virginia Hospital Revenue Bonds (Carilion Health System Obligated Group) to the extent required by Section 147 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

WHEREAS, the City of Roanoke, Virginia (the "City") is a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia exercising public and essential governmental functions pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Industrial Development Authority of the City of Roanoke, Virginia (the "Roanoke Authority") is a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia and is authorized under Chapter 49, Title 15.2, Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended (the "Act"), to issue revenue bonds for the purpose of facilitating the financing or refinancing of certain projects required or useful for health care purposes; and

WHEREAS, Carilion Medical Center ("CMC") is a private, nonstock corporation duly incorporated and validly existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, which owns and operates Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital located in the City of Roanoke, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, CMC also owns and operates Carilion Roanoke Community Hospital in the City of Roanoke, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Carilion Giles Memorial Hospital ("CGMH") is a private nonstock corporation duly incorporated and validly existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, which owns and operates a health care facility located in the Town of Pearisburg, Giles County, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Bedford Memorial Hospital ("BMH") is a private, nonstock corporation duly incorporated and validly existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, which owns and operates a health care facility located in the City of Bedford, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Carilion Franklin Memorial Hospital ("CFMH") is a private, nonstock corporation duly incorporated and validly existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, which owns and operates a health care facility located in the Town of Rocky Mount, Franklin County, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Carilion New River Valley Medical Center ("CNRV") is a private, nonstock corporation duly incorporated and validly existing under and by virtue of the laws of the

Commonwealth of Virginia, which owns and operates Carilion New River Valley Medical Center in Montgomery County, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Roanoke Authority has by resolution adopted October 5, 2005 (the "Roanoke Authority Resolution") approved a plan of financing and refinancing (the "Plan of Financing") and authorized the issuance of the Industrial Development Authority of the City of Roanoke, Virginia Hospital Revenue Bonds (Carilion Health System Obligated Group) (the "Bonds") in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$450,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds to undertake all or a portion of the following: (I) paying, or reimbursing CMC for paying, a portion of the costs of (i) renovating and/or expanding certain portions of Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital and/or (ii) acquiring certain capital equipment for use in or in connection with Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital (the "Project"); (II) refunding all or a portion of (A) the Authority's Hospital Revenue Bonds (Carilion Health System Obligated Group), Series 2002A and (B) the Authority's Hospital Revenue Refunding Bonds (Carilion Health System Obligated Group), Series 2002B, Series 2002C, Series 2002D and Series 2002E (collectively, the "Bonds To Be Refunded"), the proceeds of which were loaned to CMC, CGMH, BMH, CFMH and CNRV; (III) paying a portion of the interest accruing on the Bonds during the acquisition, construction, renovation and equipping of the Project; and (IV) paying certain expenses incurred in connection with the issuance of the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, CMC owns and operates Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital, located at Jefferson Street and Bellevue Avenue, S.E., Roanoke, Virginia; CMC also owns and operates Carilion Roanoke Community Hospital, located at 101 Elm Avenue, S.E., Roanoke, Virginia; CGMH owns and operates Carilion Giles Memorial Hospital, located at 1 Taylor Avenue, Pearisburg, Virginia; and CFMH owns and operates Carilion Franklin Memorial Hospital, located at 124 Floyd Avenue, Rocky Mount, Franklin County, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Roanoke, Virginia (the "Roanoke City Council") must first approve the Plan of Financing and the issuance of the Bonds before the Roanoke Authority can proceed with the Plan of Financing and the issuance of the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Roanoke Authority has delivered or caused to be delivered to the Roanoke City Council the following: (i) a reasonably detailed summary of the comments expressed at the public hearing held by the Roanoke Authority in connection with the Plan of Financing and the issuance of the Bonds, (ii) a fiscal impact statement in the form specified in Section 15.2-4907 of the Act, and (iii) a copy of the Roanoke Authority Resolution, which constitutes the recommendation of the Roanoke Authority that the Roanoke City Council approve the Plan of Financing and the issuance of the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Roanoke City Council has determined that it is necessary at this time to approve the Plan of Financing and issuance by the Roanoke Authority of not to exceed \$450,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the Bonds to promote the improvement of the health and living conditions of the people of the City of Roanoke and the Commonwealth of Virginia, increase opportunities for gainful employment, improve health care and otherwise aid in improving the prosperity and welfare of said City and Commonwealth and its inhabitants by improving the hospital facilities of CMC, CFMH and CGMH, respectively;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Roanoke, Virginia:

SECTION 1. The Roanoke City Council hereby approves the Plan of Financing and authorizes the issuance by the Roanoke Authority of the Bonds an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$450,000,000 for the purpose of (i) paying, or reimbursing CMC for paying, a portion of the costs of the Project; (ii) refunding all or a portion of the Bonds To Be Refunded; (iii) paying a portion of the interest accruing on the Bonds during the acquisition, construction, renovation and equipping of the Project; and (iv) paying certain expenses incurred in connection with the issuance of the Bonds.

SECTION 2. The Mayor or Vice Mayor and the Clerk or any Deputy Clerk to the Roanoke City Council are hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the City, to take any and all action necessary, including the execution of any documents, to consummate the issuance and sale of the Bonds in conformity with the provisions of this resolution.

SECTION 3. The approval of the Plan of Financing and the issuance of the Bonds, as required by Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the Act, does not constitute an endorsement to any prospective purchaser of the Bonds or the creditworthiness of CMC, CGMH, BMH, CFMH or CNRV and, as required by the Act, the Bonds shall provide that neither the Commonwealth of Virginia, the City nor the Roanoke Authority shall be obligated to pay the principal of, the redemption premium, if any, or the interest on the Bonds or other costs incident thereto except from the revenues and funds pledged therefor and neither the faith or credit nor the taxing power of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the City nor the Roanoke Authority shall be pledged thereto.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

ATTEST:

City Clerk



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October 17, 2005

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Honorable Sherman P. Lea, Council Member
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Honorable Brian J. Wishneff, Council Member

Dear Mayor Harris and Members of Council

Subject: Acceptance of United States
Department of Health and
Human Services funds for the
Runaway and Homeless Youth
Act program, Sanctuary
Outreach

Background:

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services awards grants for services in three-year cycles. The City of Roanoke has been selected as a grantee for the first year of a three-year funding cycle for Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) program under the provisions of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act. The amount of the grant is \$134,381 annually. The project period for this grant began September 30, 2005 and will end on September 29, 2008. These funds are used to cover the salary and fringe benefits of a Youth Counselor III, a Youth Counselor II, a Relief Counselor and related program activities in the Sanctuary Outreach program. The required local match is offered as in-kind services.

The focus of this program is to alleviate the problems of runaways and homeless youth and their families, strengthen family relationships and

encourage stable living conditions. The early intervention of Sanctuary Outreach staff in a combination of shelter based and home based services offers runaway and homeless youth and their families, supportive services that will decrease the incidence of repeat runaway episodes. Program services include: 24 hour intake and referral access, temporary shelter, individual, group and family counseling, community service linkages, aftercare services, case disposition and recreation opportunities.


Recommended Action(s):

Adopt a resolution accepting the \$134,381 in funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Grant #03CY0459/1 for Sanctuary's Runaway and Homeless Youth Outreach program.

Authorize the City Manager to execute any other forms required by the Department of Health and Human Services in order to accept these funds.

Adopt the accompanying budget ordinance to establish a revenue estimate in the amount of \$134,381 in the Grant Fund and appropriate funding in the same amount to expenditure accounts to be established by the Director of Finance as detailed in Attachment A.

Respectfully submitted,



Darlene L. Burcham
City Manager

DLB:jo

c: Mary F. Parker, City Clerk
William M. Hackworth, City Attorney
Jesse A. Hall, Director of Finance
Rolanda B. Russell, Assistant City Manager for Community Development
Jane Conlin, Director of Human/Social Services

CM05-00150

Attachment A
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services RHY
2005—2006 Account Set-up Transactions

Account No.	Description	Amount
	Revenue—2005/2006 RHY grant	\$134,381.00
	Total revenue	\$134,381.00
Expenditures:		
1002	Regular Salaries	\$ 63,939.00
1004	Temporary Employees	\$ 3,053.00
1105	Retirement	\$ 8,227.00
1116	ICMA Match	\$ 1,300.00
1120	FICA	\$ 5,225.00
1125	Health	\$ 7,080.00
1126	Dental	\$ 474.00
1130	Life	\$ 729.00
1131	Long term disability	\$ 166.00
2021	Telephone Cellular	\$ 1,920.00
2030	Administrative Supplies	\$ 1,850.00
2042	Dues and memberships	\$ 700.00
2044	Training and Development	\$ 6,529.00
2046	Local Mileage	\$ 740.00
2066	Program Activities	<u>\$ 32,449.00</u>
	Total expenditures	\$134,381.00

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROANOKE, VIRGINIA

AN ORDINANCE appropriating funds for the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act Grant, amending and reordaining certain sections of the 2005-2006 Grant Fund Appropriations, and dispensing with the second reading by title of this ordinance.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Roanoke that the following sections of the 2005-2006 Grant Fund Appropriations be, and the same are hereby, amended and reordained to read and provide as follows:

Grant Fund

Appropriations

Regular Employee Salaries	035-630-5142-1002	\$63,939
Temporary Employee Wages	035-630-5142-1004	3,053
City Retirement	035-630-5142-1105	8,227
ICMA Match	035-630-5142-1116	1,300
FICA	035-630-5142-1120	5,225
Medical Insurance	035-630-5142-1125	7,080
Dental Insurance	035-630-5142-1126	474
Life Insurance	035-630-5142-1130	729
Disability Insurance	035-630-5142-1131	166
Telephone Cellular	035-630-5142-2021	1,920
Administrative Supplies	035-630-5142-2030	1,850
Dues and Memberships	035-630-5142-2042	700
Training and Development	035-630-5142-2044	6,529
Local Mileage	035-630-5142-2046	740
Program Activities	035-630-5142-2066	32,449

Revenues

Runaway and Homeless Grant FY06	035-630-5142-5242	134,381
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Pursuant to the provisions of Section 12 of the City Charter, the second reading of this ordinance by title is hereby dispensed with.

ATTEST:

City Clerk.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROANOKE, VIRGINIA,

A RESOLUTION authorizing the acceptance of a grant from the United States Department of Health and Human Services to be used for salary and fringe benefits of counselors and related activities in the Sanctuary Outreach Program; and authorizing the execution of the necessary documents.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Roanoke that:

1. The City of Roanoke hereby accepts the United States Department of Health and Human Services' Runaway and Homeless Youth Program Grant (No. 03CY0459/1), in the amount of \$134,381.00 to be used for salary and fringe benefits of counselors and related activities in the Sanctuary Outreach Program, and as more particularly set forth in the October 17, 2005, letter of the City Manager to this Council.

2. The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute any and all requisite documents, upon form approved by the City Attorney, and to furnish such additional information as may be required in connection with the City's acceptance of this grant.

ATTEST:

City Clerk.



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October 17, 2005

Honorable C. Nelson Harris, Mayor, and Members of City Council
Roanoke, Virginia

Dear Mayor Harris and Members of Council:

Subject: Regional Pre Disaster
Mitigation Plan CM05-00154

This is to request space on Council's regular agenda for a report on the above referenced subject.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Darlene L. Burcham".

Darlene L. Burcham
City Manager

DLB:sm

c: City Attorney
City Clerk
Director of Finance

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROANOKE, VIRGINIA

A RESOLUTION adopting a Regional Predisaster Mitigation Plan for communities that are members of the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission; and authorizing the City Manager to take such action as may be needed to implement and administer such Plan.

WHEREAS, the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, as amended, requires that local governments develop and adopt predisaster mitigation plans in order to receive certain federal assistance;

WHEREAS, a Mitigation Advisory Committee ("MAC") comprised of representatives from the counties of Alleghany, Botetourt, Craig and Roanoke; the cities of Roanoke and Salem; and the towns of Buchanan, Clifton Forge, Fincastle, Iron Gate, New Castle, Troutville and Vinton was convened in order to study the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Region's risks from, and vulnerabilities to, natural hazards, and to make recommendations on mitigating the effects of such hazards on the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Region; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of the MAC members and the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission, in consultation with members of the public, private and non-profit sectors, have resulted in the development of a Regional Predisaster Mitigation Plan for the communities that are members of the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission, including the City of Roanoke.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City Of Roanoke as follows:

1. The City of Roanoke hereby approves and adopts the Regional Predisaster Mitigation Plan, dated September 2005, referred to above and in the City Manager's letter to Council dated October 17, 2005, including the City of Roanoke's part of such Plan.
2. The City Manager is hereby authorized to take such further actions as may be needed to implement and administer such Plan.

ATTEST:

City Clerk.



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October 12, 2005

The Honorable C. Nelson Harris, Mayor
The Honorable Beverly T. Fitzpatrick, Jr., Vice-Mayor
The Honorable M. Rupert Cutler
The Honorable Alfred T. Dowe, Jr.
The Honorable Sherman P. Lea
The Honorable Brenda L. McDaniel
The Honorable Brian J. Wishneff

Dear Mayor Harris and Members of City Council:

Subject: Criteria for Funding Non-Profit
Organizations

After several months of discussion with both public and private organizations that fund non-profit agencies on a regular basis, the following criteria have been developed that I recommend be adopted as prerequisites for organizations receiving funds from the City in future budget cycles:

1. Organizations must develop a business plan that includes evidence of community involvement and outlines long-term plans for financial sustainability.
2. Boards of organizations must demonstrate commitment to their organization by certifying that 100% of their board members have made a financial commitment to the organization and that each board member has an annual average meeting attendance rate of at least 75%.
3. Organizations must agree to an annual joint site visit by the City, and Carilion Foundation, Roanoke County and the Funders Circle if the organization receives funds from them, and must agree to file a semi-annual report with the City of results achieved through funds received.
4. Organizations in existence for two years or more with an annual budget of \$50,000 or more must perform an annual audit and provide a copy of the same to the city.
5. Organizations adhering to these expectations and requirements will benefit through the use of a simplified application and reporting process, and a consolidated site visit.

Mayor Harris and Members of City Council
October 17, 2005
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The City of Roanoke will be joined in this approach by Carilion Foundation and the Funders Circle. Other private foundations are also considering using these criteria in their funding process.

All past recipients of City funds will be informed of these new requirements as soon as adopted.

Recommendation

Adopt the attached resolution adopting the criteria set forth above, and authorize the City Manager to disseminate information about this policy to the non-profit providers of health and human services as well as arts and cultural organizations who have or are likely to apply to the City for funding.

Respectfully submitted,



Darlene L. Burcham
City Manager

DLB:sf

c: Mary F. Parker, City Clerk
Jesse A. Hall, Director of Finance
William M. Hackworth, City Attorney

CM05-0155

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROANOKE, VIRGINIA,

A RESOLUTION adopting a policy pertaining to funding for non-profit organizations in future budget cycles, and authorizing the City Manager to disseminate information about such policy.

WHEREAS, after several months of discussion with public and private organizations that fund non-profit agencies, the City developed criteria for non-profit organizations which receive funding from the City; and

WHEREAS, Carilion Foundation, Roanoke County, and Funders Circle will use the criteria in connection with their funding of non-profit organizations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Roanoke that the City hereby adopts the policy as more particularly described in the City Manager's letter dated October 17, 2005, to City Council, containing certain criteria to be adhered to when reviewing and approving funding for non-profit organizations in future budget cycles and authorizing the City Manager to disseminate information about such policy.

ATTEST:

City Clerk.



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Honorable Sherman P. Lea, Council Member
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Honorable Brian J. Wishneff, Council Member

Subject: Veteran's Preference Change to City
Code

Dear Mayor Harris and Members of City Council:

Background

The General Assembly amended Virginia Code Section 15.2-1509 related to the preferences that local governments must give veterans when making hiring or promotion decisions. The changes to this state code section broaden the preference that a local government must give a veteran when making these personnel decisions. In response to this change in the State law, section 2-70 entitled Veteran's Preference of the Code of the City of Roanoke requires updating. It is the current practice of the City of Roanoke to extend preference to qualified veterans during the selection process for new hires as well as promotions. The proposed changes to section 2-70 better conform to the amendments made to the state code while still preserving the City's current practice. Currently veteran's preference only applies for jobs in which a test is given while the proposal provides preference regardless of whether a test is given.

Recommended Action:

Approve amendment of the Code of the City of Roanoke to provide for the practice of veteran's preference in compliance with State law.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Darlene L. Burcham".
Darlene L. Burcham
City Manager

DLB:ba

c: Mary F. Parker, City Clerk
William M. Hackworth, City Attorney
Jesse A. Hall, Director of Finance
Carolyn H. Glover, Acting Director of Human Resources

CM05-00148

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROANOKE, VIRGINIA

AN ORDINANCE amending Section 2-70, Veteran's Preference, Article IV, Personnel Management and Practices, of Chapter 2, Administration, Code of the City of Roanoke (1979), as amended, to conform with Section 2.2-2903 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended; and dispensing with the second reading by title of this ordinance.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Roanoke as follows:

1. The Code of the City of Roanoke (1979), as amended, is hereby amended and reordained by amending Section 2-70, Veteran's Preference, Article IV, Personnel Management and Practices, of Chapter 2, Administration, to read and provide as follows:

Sec. 2-70. Veteran's preference.

The City of Roanoke shall take into consideration or give preference to an individual's status as an honorably discharged veteran of the armed forces of the United States in its employment hiring policies and practices, provided that such veteran meets all of the knowledge, skills and eligibility requirements for the available position. Additional consideration shall also be given to veterans who have a service connected disability rating fixed by the United States Veterans Administration. "Veterans" as used in this section refers to the same class as included in § 2.2-2903 of the Code of Virginia with regard to the state service.

~~Any person who has served in time of war in the army, navy, air force, marine corps or coast guard of the United States and has been honorably discharged therefrom shall be entitled to have added to his rating in any examination held for original appointments in the classified service under the provisions of this article ten (10) points on a scale of one hundred (100) if he is eligible for disability compensation or pension from the United States through the veterans administration, or five (5) points on a scale of one hundred (100), if he is not so eligible, provided that he shall be within the age limit specified for appointment to the position or class of position for which the examination is held, is physically capable of performing the duties of such position and~~

~~attains, in the examination without such added points, the minimum rating prescribed for the passage of such examination. The preference herein established shall be available to any person eligible to receive same for a period of eight (8) years following the date of such person's induction into a branch of the armed services as hereinabove set out.~~

2. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 12 of the City Charter, the second reading of this ordinance by title is dispensed with.

ATTEST

City Clerk.



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Honorable Sherman P. Lea, Council Member
Honorable Brenda L. McDaniel, Council Member
Honorable Brian J. Wishneff, Council Member

Dear Mayor Harris and Members of City Council:

Subject: Colonial Avenue/ Wonju Street
VDOT Project No. U000-128-
127

Background:

An extension of Wonju Street between Colonial Avenue and Brandon Avenue was added to VDOT's Six-Year Improvement Plan in 1999. Two conceptual alternatives had been considered since project initiation, but as right of way impacts and cost estimates for those alternatives increased over time, a third alternative, a Transportation Systems Management (TSM) Alternative, was suggested. On October 3, 2005, VDOT held a Citizen Information Meeting on this proposed project to share these alternatives and cost estimates with the public.

Considerations:

Estimated costs for Alternatives 1 and 2 vary from \$18 - 21 million. These alternatives would require significant right of way acquisition costs, representing approximately 70 percent of the total project cost, and would likely take four to five years to implement. Estimated costs for Alternative 3, the TSM Alternative, are expected to be between \$1 and \$2 million, will minimize right of way acquisition, and could be implemented within the next two years. The City's required two percent match would apply to any of these three alternatives. Funding will be identified at a future time upon VDOT's acceptance of the project request.

At the Citizen Information Meeting, 43 comment sheets were submitted. Of those comments, 21 preferred the TSM Alternative, eight preferred Alternative 1, six preferred Alternative 2, and the remaining comments indicated either a preference for combinations of alternatives or did not indicate a preference.

Staff supports Alternative 3, the TSM Alternative, for the following reasons:

- maximizes use of existing capacity on Brandon and Colonial Avenues,
- is projected to satisfy the traffic demand through the design year of 2030,
- requires minimal acquisition of right of way (right of way that, based upon preliminary conversations with the affected property owner, will be donated rather than purchased,)
- minimizes construction cost,
- provides an immediate safety improvement through reducing the queue of vehicles on southbound Route 220,
- is expected to be advertised for construction in approximately 12 months,
- precludes consideration of a build alternative in the future should it become necessary, and
- enables unused funds to be programmed for Colonial Avenue improvements and other City needs as directed by Council.

Recommendation:

City Council adopt the accompanying resolution in support of Alternative 3, the Transportation System Management alternative, and request that VDOT advance this project to the construction phase.

Respectfully submitted,



Darlene L. Burcham
City Manager

DLB/MDJ/gpe

Attachments

c: Mary F. Parker, City Clerk
William M. Hackworth, City Attorney
Jesse A. Hall, Director of Finance
Kenneth H. King Jr., P.E., Manager, Division of Transportation

CM05-00153

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROANOKE, VIRGINIA,

A RESOLUTION expressing the support of the Council of the City of Roanoke to the Virginia Department of Transportation ("VDOT") of Alternative 3, a Transportation Systems Management (TSM) Alternative, for the extension of Wonju Street between Colonial Avenue and Brandon Avenue.

WHEREAS, an extension of Wonju Street between Colonial Avenue and Brandon Avenue was added to VDOT's Six Year Improvement Plan in 1999;

WHEREAS, two conceptual alternatives had been considered since project initiation, but as right-of-way impacts and cost estimates increased, a third alternative, a TSM Alternative, was suggested;

WHEREAS, Alternative 3 makes use of existing capacity on Brandon and Colonial Avenues, requires minimal acquisition of right-of-way, minimizes construction cost, provides an immediate safety improvement through reducing the queue of vehicles on southbound Route 220; and

WHEREAS, at a Citizen Information Meeting held on October 3, 2005, the majority of citizens present preferred Alternative 3.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Roanoke as follows:

1. The City hereby expresses its support of Alternative 3, the TSM alternative, being more particularly described in the City Manager's letter dated October 17, 2005, to City Council.
2. The City requests that VDOT advance this project to the construction phase.
3. The City Clerk is directed to transmit an attested copy of this resolution to VDOT.

ATTEST:

City Clerk.



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Dear Mayor Harris and Members of City Council

Subject: Countryside Golf Course
Purchase and Operating Agreement

In May 2005, City Council authorized the purchase of the approximately 140 acre Countryside Golf Course for \$4.1 Million and an option to purchase the property was entered into, with a deposit in the amount of \$125,000 which provided time for further staff analysis to determine whether the property should be acquired by the City for further development. In the event the property was purchased, the option amount would apply to the purchase price. In June 2005, City Council authorized the issuance of general obligation public improvement bonds in the amount of \$3,975,000 to fund a portion of the project. The bonds would be issued in late calendar year 2005 if the City elected to proceed with the purchase of the project.

Since receiving that authorization, staff has conducted the required due diligence, including completion of a survey and environmental studies, and has negotiated a management agreement with Meadowbrook Golf Group, Inc. for the continued operation of the facility as a golf course for one year after its purchase.

The management agreement provides for the Meadowbrook Golf Group, Inc. to be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the facility in a manner consistent with its current operation. All expenses for operating the course will be the responsibility of the operator, and it will collect all income generated from the use of the facility by the general public. In addition, the operator will pay a management fee of \$35,000.00 to the City for the one year term of the

operating agreement. A copy of that proposed agreement is attached for the City Council's information.


The option agreement previously authorized by the City Council requires notification to the seller by October 28, 2005 with closing no later than November 30, 2005. In order to proceed with the notification and closing process, City Council needs to appropriate the balance of funds necessary for the purchase of the property. Funding totalling \$4,006,000 is needed for property acquisition and other costs associated with the closing with \$3,975,000 to be provided from the sale of the 2005 general obligation public improvement bonds. Funding of \$31,000 is available in the existing project account for the remaining expenses.

Recommended Action:

Authorize the City Manager to execute the Operating Agreement with the Meadowbrook Golf Group, Inc. on behalf of the City of Roanoke in such form as approved by the City Attorney.

Appropriate funding in the amount of \$3,975,000 in advance of issuance of the 2005 general obligation bonds to account 008-310-9840 Countryside Golf Course acquisition.

Respectfully submitted,



Darlene L. Burcham
City Manager

DLB:rbt

c: William M. Hackworth, City Attorney
Jesse A. Hall, Director of Finance
Mary F. Parker, City Clerk
Rolanda Russell, Assistant City Manager for Community Development
Brian Townsend, Director, Planning Building and Development

CM05-00156

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROANOKE, VIRGINIA

AN ORDINANCE to appropriate funding to be provided by the Series 2005 Bonds to purchase Countryside Golf Course, amending and reordaining certain sections of the 2005-2006 Capital Projects Fund Appropriations, and dispensing with the second reading by title of this ordinance.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Roanoke that the following sections of the 2005-2006 Capital Projects Fund Appropriations be, and the same are hereby, amended and reordained to read and provide as follows:

Appropriations

Appropriated from 2005 Bond Funds	008-310-9840-9170	\$ 3,975,000
Countryside Golf Course	008-310-9740-9172	(3,975,000)

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 12 of the City Charter, the second reading of this ordinance by title is hereby dispensed with.

ATTEST:

City Clerk.

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROANOKE, VIRGINIA

AN ORDINANCE authorizing execution of an Operating Agreement for Countryside Golf Course ("Operating Agreement"), between the City of Roanoke and Meadowbrook Golf Group, Inc., upon certain terms and conditions, as contemplated in the Operating Agreement; and dispensing with the second reading by title paragraph of this ordinance.

WHEREAS, the City of Roanoke intends to purchase Countryside Golf Course and desires to continue operating it as a golf facility for at least one year after its acquisition; and

WHEREAS, Meadowbrook Golf Group, Inc., is engaged in the business of marketing, maintaining, operating and managing golf facilities.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Roanoke as follows:

1. The City Manager and the City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute, and to seal and attest, respectively, an Operating Agreement between the City and Meadowbrook Golf Group, Inc., such agreement to be in substantially the same form as that which is attached to the City Manager's letter of October 17, 2005, to Council, and shall be approved as to form by the City Attorney.
2. The City Manager is authorized to take appropriate measures to implement the terms and conditions of the Operating Agreement, as provided in the Operating Agreement.
3. Pursuant to §12 of the Roanoke City Charter, the second reading by title paragraph of this ordinance is hereby dispensed with.

ATTEST:

City Clerk.



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Honorable C. Nelson Harris, Mayor
and Members of City Council
Roanoke, Virginia

Dear Mayor Harris and Members of Council:

On June 1, 2005, Roanoke Investments Associated, Inc., represented by Eugene M. Elliott, Jr., Esquire, filed a petition to change the conditional proffers attaching to Official Tax No. 2660519. At the time of the filing, the property was zoned LM, Light Manufacturing District, subject to certain proffered conditions. On July 21, 2005, the Planning Commission recommended by a 7-0 vote that the revised proffers proposed by the applicant be approved. A Second Amended Petition, setting forth the revised proffers made by the applicant, was filed on July 27, 2005.

At a public hearing on August 15, 2005, Council adopted Ordinance No. 37157-081505 by a vote of 6-0, approved the petition as requested by the applicant, and as recommended by the Planning Commission. There was no opposition to the matter either at the public hearing before the Planning Commission or at the public hearing before City Council. Unfortunately, however, the ordinance prepared by my Office did not reference the correct date of the filing of the Second Amended Petition. Accordingly, I have prepared an ordinance which, if adopted by City Council, repeals Ordinance No. 37157-081505, and references the correct date of the filing of the Second Amended Petition, and adopts the proffers filed that date, as requested.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William M. Hackworth".

William M. Hackworth
City Attorney

WMH/SJT:s
Attachment

cc: Eugene M. Elliott, Jr., Esquire
Darlene L. Burcham, City Manager
R. Brian Townsend, Director, Planning

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROANOKE, VIRGINIA,

AN ORDINANCE to amend §§36.1-3 and 36.1-4, Code of the City of Roanoke (1979), as amended, and Sheet No. 266, Sectional 1976 Zone Map, City of Roanoke, by amending the conditions presently binding upon certain property previously conditionally zoned LM, Light Manufacturing District; repealing Ordinance No. 37157-081505; and dispensing with the second reading by title of this ordinance.

WHEREAS, Roanoke Investments Associated, Inc., has made application to the Council of the City of Roanoke to amend certain conditions presently binding upon a tract of land located at 3361 Melrose Avenue, N.W., being designated as Official Tax No. 2660519, which property was previously rezoned LM, Light Manufacturing District, with proffers, by the adoption of Ordinance No. 29906-11690, adopted January 16, 1990;

WHEREAS, Roanoke Investments Associated, Inc., seeks to have the subject property zoned LM, Light Manufacturing District, with proffers as set forth in the Second Amended Petition to Amend Proffers filed in the City Clerk's Office on July 27, 2005;

WHEREAS, the City Planning Commission, which after giving proper notice to all concerned as required by §36.1-693, Code of the City of Roanoke (1979), as amended, and after conducting a public hearing on the matter, has made its recommendation to Council;

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held by City Council on such application at its meeting on August 15, 2005, after due and timely notice thereof as required by §36.1-693, Code of the City of Roanoke (1979), as amended, at which hearing all parties in interest and citizens were given an opportunity to be heard, both for and against the proposed amendment; and

WHEREAS, this Council, after considering the aforesaid application, the recommendation made to the Council by the Planning Commission, the City's Comprehensive Plan, and the matters presented at the public hearing, is of the opinion that the conditions now binding upon a tract of land located at 3361 Melrose Avenue, N.W., being designated as Official Tax No. 2660519, should be amended as requested, and that such property be zoned LM, Light Manufacturing District, with proffers as set forth in the Second Amended Petition to Amend Proffers filed in the City Clerk's Office on July 27, 2005.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Roanoke that:

1. Sections 36.1-3 and 36.1-4, Code of the City of Roanoke (1979), as amended, and Sheet No. 266 of the Sectional 1976 Zone Map, City of Roanoke, be amended to reflect the changes in proffered conditions as shown in the Second Amended Petition to Amend Proffers filed in the City Clerk's Office on July 27, 2005, and as set forth in the report of the Planning Commission dated August 15, 2005, so that the subject property is zoned LM, Light Manufacturing District, with such proffers.
2. Ordinance No. 37157-081505, adopted August 15, 2005, is hereby REPEALED.
3. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 12 of the City Charter, the second reading of this ordinance by title is hereby dispensed with.

ATTEST:

City Clerk.



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Dear Mayor Harris and Members of City Council:

Subject: Personal Property Tax Relief

Background:

In 1998, the General Assembly enacted the Personal Property Tax Relief Act (PPTRA or the Act), which provided relief from personal property taxes otherwise payable on the first \$20,000 of value for qualifying vehicles. This relief was provided for vehicles owned by individuals and utilized for personal use. Additionally, vehicles with an assessed value of \$1,000 or less receive 100% relief. Relief is provided by the Commonwealth through payments to localities of amounts which would otherwise be taxed to citizens. The original intent of the Act was to phase-in tax relief such that the Commonwealth would ultimately cover the full cost of personal property tax of the eligible vehicles. The Commonwealth's plan of implementing the tax was dependent upon growth in State revenues sufficient to cover the increasing annual cost. Currently, the Commonwealth provides 70% relief on qualifying vehicles. The amount of relief provided by the Commonwealth has been at this level for several years.

In 2004 and 2005, additional legislation was passed to amend the original Act. This legislation capped PPTRA at \$950 million for all Virginia localities for Tax Years 2006 and beyond. PPTRA funds will be allocated to individual localities based on each government's pro rata share of Tax Year 2004 payments from the Commonwealth. Funding for delinquencies of the current and past years will continue until September 2006 or until the funding for such is exhausted.

The legislation also altered the timing of payments from the Commonwealth to localities. The impact of this is dependent on the due date observed by the locality. For spring billers like Roanoke, the impact is the delay of approximately two months in receipt of the majority of the funding provided by the Commonwealth.

Considerations:

Localities have certain options on how they administer amended PPTRA. These options include the method for apportioning relief to individual taxpayers, flexibility in determining the distribution of relief, and an option to "balance bill" delinquent taxpayers at the end of the current program. To determine the best course of action for the City of Roanoke, a Study Team was formed consisting of representatives from the offices of the Commissioner of the Revenue, Treasurer, City Attorney, and the Department of Finance. Through the course of its work on the PPTRA revisions, the Study Team consulted with representatives from other localities throughout the State, most notably those from neighboring jurisdictions.

Two relief methods are available regarding distribution of tax relief; the reduced rate method and the specific relief method. The reduced rate method would entail major changes to the administration of the tax including

the use of multiple tax rates, one of which would require an annual modification by City Council. This method would bring about more significant changes to citizens and would be more costly to implement than the specific relief method.

The specific relief method, which the Study Team recommends, calls for a percentage of relief to be applied to qualifying vehicles, similar to the method used now. While the percentage of relief will decline annually assuming growth in the assessed value of personal property, the tax payer will receive a personal property bill which is most consistent with the type of bill currently utilized. The specific relief method is fairly efficient and effective to implement since it uses a tax method most consistent with the one currently in place.

Localities also have an option in how they choose to distribute the tax relief once the new program is in place. Relief must be provided for owners of qualifying vehicles of \$20,000 and less, but changes can be made in how relief is provided for values up to \$20,000. In order to maintain consistency with the current PPTRA, the Study Team recommends that relief continue to be applied in a similar manner to the present method. This entails that vehicles valued at \$1,000 and less continue to remain fully exempt and that relief for vehicles with assessed values ranging from \$1,001 to \$20,000 continue to be taxed at by applying a single common percentage to determine the amount to be paid by the tax payer.

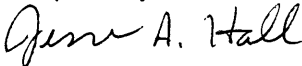
The final option for localities concerns the ability to balance-bill delinquent taxpayers in full for personal property taxes not remitted by the September 2006 deadline or the exhaustion of State funding for the current program. This option is available to ensure localities the opportunity to receive funds from citizens that may have otherwise been paid by the Commonwealth. To maximize collections of the tax, the Study Team recommends that the City balance-bill any citizens with unpaid taxes once funding from the Commonwealth is exhausted.

In summary, the recommendations provided by the Study Team and outlined above maintain the provisions of the PPTRA most closely with those originally implemented by the Commonwealth, are the most equitable for our citizens, and are the most efficient and cost-effective for the City to implement. The recommendations are consistent with those planned by the majority of other localities in Virginia.

Recommended Action:

Adopt the accompanying ordinance to provide for the implementation of the 2004-2005 changes to the Personal Property Tax Relief Act as recommended, including adopting the specific dollar amount relief method, allocating 100% relief to vehicles with an assessed value of \$1,000 and less, and balance billing of delinquencies upon completion of the current PPTRA program.

Respectfully submitted,



Jesse A. Hall
Director of Finance

- c: Honorable Sherman A. Holland, Commissioner of the Revenue
Honorable Evelyn W. Powers, Treasurer
Darlene L. Burcham, City Manager
William M. Hackworth, City Attorney
Mary F. Parker, City Clerk
Sherman M. Stovall, Director of Management and Budget

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROANOKE, VIRGINIA,

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the implementation of the 2004-2005 changes to the Personal Property Tax Relief Act of 1998; and dispensing with the second reading by title of this ordinance.

WHEREAS, the Personal Property Tax Relief Act of 1998, §§ 58.1-3523, et seq., Code of Virginia ("PPTRA"), has been substantially modified by the enactment of Chapter 1 of the Acts of Assembly, 2004 Special Session I (Senate Bill 5005), and the provisions of Item 503 of Chapter 95 of the 2005 Acts of Assembly (the 2005 revisions to the 2004-06 Appropriations Act, hereinafter cited as the "2005 Appropriations Act");

WHEREAS, these legislative enactments require the City to take affirmative steps to implement these changes, and to provide for the computation and allocation of relief provided pursuant to the PPTRA as revised; and

WHEREAS, these legislative enactments provide for the appropriation to the City, commencing in 2006, of a fixed sum to be used exclusively for the provision of tax relief to owners of qualifying personal use vehicles that are subject to the personal property tax on such vehicles, and provide the opportunity for the City to fashion a program of tax relief that serves the best interests of its citizenry.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Roanoke as follows:

1. Purpose; Definitions; Relation to other Ordinances. (a) The purpose of this Ordinance is to provide for the implementation of the changes to PPTRA effected by legislation adopted during the 2004 Special Session I and the 2005 Regular Session of the General Assembly of

Virginia.

(b) Terms used in this Ordinance that have defined meanings set forth in PPTRA shall have the same meanings as set forth in Va. Code § 58.1-3523, Code of Virginia, as amended.

(c) To the extent that the provisions of this Ordinance conflict with any prior Ordinance or provision of the City Code, this Ordinance shall control.

2. Method of Computing and Reflecting Tax Relief. (a) For tax years commencing in 2006, the City adopts the provisions of Item 503.E of the 2005 Appropriations Act, providing for the computation of tax relief as a specific dollar amount to be offset against the total taxes that would otherwise be due but for PPTRA and the reporting of such specific dollar relief on the tax bill.

(b) The Council shall, as part of the annual budget adopted pursuant to Chapter 25 of Title 15.2 of the Code of Virginia and §33 of the City Charter, set the percentage of tax relief at such a level that it is anticipated fully to exhaust PPTRA relief funds provided to the City by the Commonwealth.

(c) Personal property tax bills shall set forth on their face the specific dollar amount of relief credited with respect to each qualifying vehicle, together with an explanation of the general manner in which relief is allocated.

3. Allocation of Relief among Taxpayers. (a) Allocation of PPTRA relief shall be provided in accordance with the general provisions of this section, as implemented by the specific provisions of the City's annual budget relating to PPTRA relief.

(b) Relief shall be allocated in such as manner as to eliminate personal property taxation of each qualifying vehicle with an assessed value of \$1,000 or less.

(c) Relief with respect to qualifying vehicles with assessed values of more than \$1,000 shall be provided at a percentage, annually fixed in the City budget and applied to the first \$20,000 in

value of each such qualifying vehicle, that is estimated fully to use all available state PPTRA relief. The percentage shall be established annually as a part of the adopted budget for the City.

4. Transitional Provisions. (a) Pursuant to authority conferred in Item 503.D of the 2005 Appropriations Act, the City Treasurer is authorized to issue a supplemental personal property tax bill, in the amount of 100 percent of tax due without regard to any former entitlement to state PPTRA relief, plus applicable penalties and interest, to any taxpayer whose taxes with respect to a qualifying vehicle for tax year 2005 or any prior tax year remain unpaid on September 1, 2006, or such date as state funds for reimbursement of the state share of such bill have become unavailable, whichever earlier occurs.

(b) Penalty and interest with respect to bills issued pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall be computed on the entire amount of tax owed. Interest shall be computed at the rate provided in § 32-106 of the City Code from the original due date of the tax

5. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 12 of the City Charter, the second reading of this ordinance by title is hereby dispensed with.

ATTEST:

City Clerk.



ROANOKE CITY SCHOOL BOARD
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October 17, 2005

The Honorable C. Nelson Harris, Mayor
and Members of Roanoke City Council
Roanoke, VA 24011

Dear Members of Council:

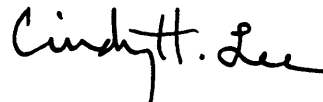
As the result of official School Board action at its meeting on October 11, the Board respectfully requests City Council to appropriate the following funds:

- \$89,125.00 for the Supplementary Technology Grant to help school divisions implement the statewide Standards of Learning assessment system and to purchase assistive technologies for the classroom. The funds can be used to purchase new scientific and graphing calculators, repair non-functioning calculators, or to purchase calculator batteries. This new program is one hundred percent reimbursed by federal funds.
- \$412,636.00 for the Westside renovation project. The additional monies from 1999 Capital Bond Funds and Capital Reserve Funds will provide funding for change orders for the project.
- \$1,300,000.00 from the 2005-06 Capital Maintenance and Equipment Replacement Fund to fund textbooks, instructional technology requests, the replacement of school bus and maintenance vehicles, the replacement of district-wide facility maintenance equipment, and for roof repairs.

Members of Council
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October 17, 2005

The School Board thanks you for your approval of the appropriation requests.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cindy H. Lee".

Cindy H. Lee, Clerk

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cc: Mrs. Kathy G. Stockburger
Mr. Marvin T. Thompson
Mr. Bernard J. Godek
Mr. Kenneth F. Mundy

Mrs. Darlene Burcham
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 Honorable Brian J. Wishneff, Council Member

Dear Mayor Harris and Members of City Council:

Subject: School Board Appropriation Request

As a result of official School Board action at its meeting on October 11, the Board has requested City Council to appropriate the following funds:

- \$89,125 for the Supplementary Technology Grant to help school divisions implement the statewide Standards of Learning assessment system and to purchase assistive technologies for the classroom. The funds can be used to purchase new scientific and graphing calculators, repair non-functioning calculators, or to purchase calculator batteries. This new program is one hundred percent reimbursed by federal funds.
- \$412,636 for change orders for the Westside Elementary School renovation. Funding is available from the Series 1999 Bonds and Capital Reserve Funds.
- \$1,300,000 from undesignated fund balance to fund textbooks, instructional technology requests, the replacement of school bus and maintenance vehicles, the replacement of district-wide facility maintenance equipment, and for roof repairs.

We recommend that you concur with this report of the School Board and adopt the attached budget ordinance to appropriate funding as outlined above.

Sincerely,

Jesse A. Hall
 Director of Finance

c: Darlene L. Burcham, City Manager
 William M. Hackworth, City Attorney
 Mary F. Parker, City Clerk
 Sherman M. Stovall, Director of Management and Budget
 Marvin T. Thompson, Superintendent of City Schools

AN ORDINANCE to appropriate funding for the 2005 Supplementary Technology Grant, 2005-06 Capital Maintenance and Equipment Replacement Program, and Westside Renovation Project, amending and reordaining certain sections of the 2005-2006 General, School, and School Capital Fund Appropriations and dispensing with the second reading by title of this ordinance.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Roanoke that the following sections of the 2005-2006 General, School, and School Capital Fund Appropriations be, and the same are hereby, amended and reordained to read and provide as follows:

General Fund

Appropriations

Transfer to School Fund - CMERP	001-250-9310-9532	\$ 892,855
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Fund Balance

Reserve for CMERP - Schools	001-3324	892,855
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School Fund

Appropriations

Assessment	030-062-6889-6100-0583	15,041
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Assistive Technology	030-062-6889-6100-0614	74,084
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New Textbook Adoptions	030-065-7600-6100-0613	300,000
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Instructional Technology	030-065-7600-6302-0826	150,000
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Vehicle Replacement	030-065-7600-6676-0808	200,000
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Facility Maintenance Equipment	030-065-7600-6681-0821	200,000
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Replacement of Roofs	030-065-7600-6896-0809	450,000
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Revenues

Federal Revenue	030-062-6889-1102	89,125
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Transfer from General Fund	030-060-6000-1037	892,855
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Fund Balance

Reserve for CMERP - Schools	030-3324	407,145
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School Capital Fund

Appropriations

1999 Bond Fund	031-065-6068-6896-9001	356,271
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General Fund	031-065-6068-6896-9003	56,365
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Schools	031-060-9709-6896-9182	(356,271)
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From General Revenue	031-065-6999-6896-9003	(56,365)
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Pursuant to the provisions of Section 12 of the City Charter, the second reading of this ordinance by title is hereby dispensed with.

ATTEST:

City Clerk.

WMB

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROANOKE, VIRGINIA,

A RESOLUTION memorializing the late F. Wiley Hubbell, a long-time resident of the City of Roanoke and Citizen of the Year in 1996.

WHEREAS, the members of Council learned with sorrow of the passing of Mr. Hubbell on Monday, September 5, 2005;

WHEREAS, Mr. Hubbell was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut, and graduated from Dartmouth College in 1935;

WHEREAS, Mr. Hubbell moved to Roanoke in 1956 to work with General Electric, where he worked as a financial manager before retiring in 1968;

WHEREAS, Mr. Hubbell served for 22 years as a trustee with the City's municipal employees' pension fund, 21 of those as chairman, during which time he watched the fund grow from \$29 million to \$260 million in a little over a decade;

WHEREAS, Mr. Hubbell spent more than 17 years with United Way of Roanoke Valley, serving as a Board member, budget chairman, and president of the Board;

WHEREAS, Mr. Hubbell was active at St. John's Episcopal Church as a member, vestry person, and treasurer; and also served in the Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia as treasurer for 20 years;

WHEREAS, Mr. Hubbell was active in Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Roanoke Valley;

WHEREAS, was a Board member and treasurer of Habitat for Humanity in the Roanoke Valley for 16 years, and was also active with endeavors for Greenvale Nursery and Help;

WHEREAS, Mr. Hubbell was an active member of Roanoke Country Club, and an avid golfer and tennis player;

WHEREAS, Mr. Hubbell was voted Roanoke's Citizen of the Year for 1996;

WHEREAS, co-workers and relatives describe Mr. Hubbell as a generous, charismatic and endlessly energetic person who had spent decades working to make Roanoke a better place.

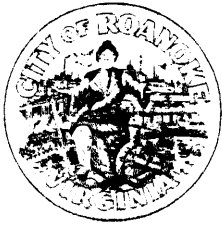
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Roanoke as follows:

1. City Council adopts this resolution as a means of recording its deepest regret and sorrow at the passing of F. Wiley Hubbell and extends to his family its sincerest condolences.

2. The City Clerk is directed to transmit an attested copy of this resolution to Mr. Hubbell's daughter, Cynthia Hubbell, and sons, Stewart Hubbell and Christopher Hubbell, all of Roanoke.

ATTEST:

City Clerk.



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October 17, 2005

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Dear Mayor Harris and Members of City Council:

Subject: Peters Creek South Neighborhood Plan

Planning Commission Action:

Planning Commission public hearing was held on Thursday, September 15, 2005. There was no one present in the audience in support of or in opposition to the request. At the conclusion of staff presentation, the Planning Commission voted 6-0 (Ms. Prince absent) to recommend that City Council adopt the Peters Creek South Neighborhood Plan as an element of the *Vision 2001-2020*, the City's comprehensive plan.

Background:

Work on the Peters Creek South Plan began in September 2004. Staff sponsored four workshops between September and July at Fairview Elementary School and worked with the area's three neighborhood organizations to identify issues and evaluate existing neighborhood conditions.

Once a draft plan was developed, staff sponsored two additional community workshops to present the plan and give citizens an opportunity to review and comment on the plan.

Consideration:

Vision 2001-2020 recommends that detailed neighborhood plans be developed and adopted for each of Roanoke's neighborhoods.

The plan for Peters Creek South has been reviewed by the neighborhood, residents and by City staff.

During the planning process, residents and staff identified the following major issues facing the neighborhood:

- ***Incompatible infill housing and encroachment of commercial uses***
- ***Lack of curb and gutter***
- ***Traffic safety***
- ***Code enforcement/property maintenance***
- ***Police presence***
- ***Street maintenance***

The plan identifies three high priority initiatives:

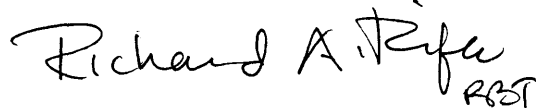
- **Housing Development & Conservation:** Promote rehabilitation, maintenance, well-designed infill development, and increased resident ownership. Zoning patterns should protect and maintain established residential areas.
- **Capacity Building:** Peters Creek South residents are willing participants in determining the future of their neighborhood. Neighborhood-based organizations will be crucial to initiating and sustaining revitalization efforts. The many groups and individuals working toward the Peters Creek South revitalization should collaborate to ensure open communication and awareness of development projects.
- **Infrastructure:** Peters Creek South should have safe, well-designed streets and other infrastructure. Traffic management and street design must be evaluated and improved to ensure compatibility with the neighborhood setting.

The plan also includes a future land use map to guide development and zoning patterns in the neighborhood.

Recommendation:

The Planning Commission, by a vote of 6-0, recommends adoption of the Peters Creek South Neighborhood Plan as a component of the *Vision 2001-2020* Comprehensive plan.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard A. Rife". To the right of the signature, the initials "RRS" are written.

Richard A. Rife, Chairman
City Planning Commission

cc: Darlene L. Burcham, City Manager
Rolanda Russell, Assistant City Manager for Community Development
William M. Hackworth, City Attorney

IN THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ROANOKE, VIRGINIA

This 15th day of September, 2005.

A RESOLUTION recommending the adoption of the Peters Creek South Neighborhood Plan as an element of the City's Comprehensive Plan.

WHEREAS, a series of community workshops were held in the Peters Creeek South area to gain input into the plan;

WHEREAS, the draft plan has been reviewed by the neighborhood, city staff, and City of Roanoke Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Peters Creek South Neighborhood Plan has been advertised in accordance with Section 15.2-2204 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, and pursuant to that notice, a public hearing was held on September 15, 2005, at which all persons having an interest in the matter were given a chance to be heard.


BE IT RESOLVED by the Planning Commission of the City of Roanoke that it recommends to City Council that the Peters Creek South Neighborhood Plan, dated September, 2005, be adopted as an element of the City's Comprehensive Plan, and that by signature of its Chairman below, the Planning Commission hereby certifies the attached copy of the area plan to City Council.

ATTEST:


Chairman



Peters Creek South

NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN		City Council Public Hearing Draft September 15, 2005
Roanoke Virginia		 vision <small>2001 2020</small>

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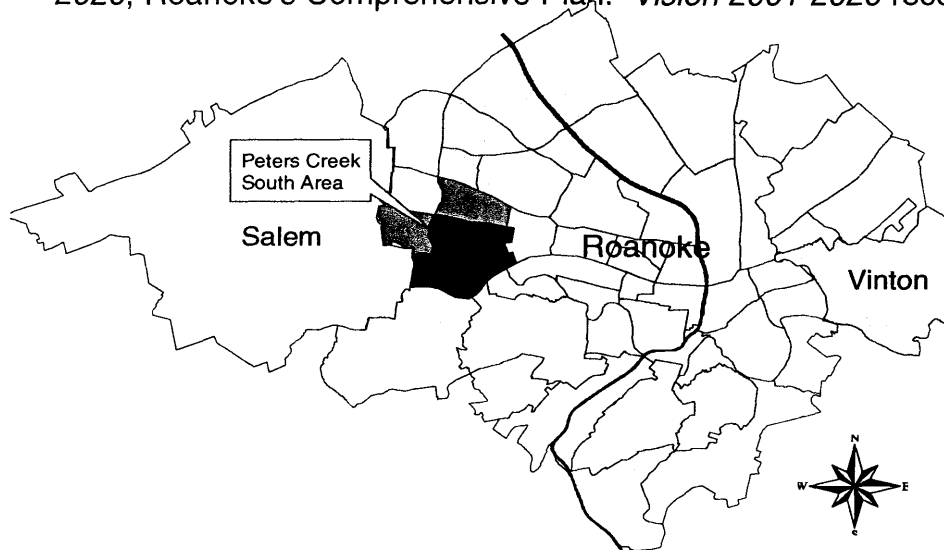
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Introduction

Peters Creek South is a collection of five neighborhoods set within the overall fabric of neighborhoods that makes up our city: Edgewood-Morwanda-Summit Hills, Ridgewood, South Washington Heights, Wilmont, and Cherry Hill. The Ridgewood Park, Wilmont, and Cherry Hill neighborhoods developed during the 1950s and 1960s when farmland gave way to apartment complexes and single-family brick ranch houses. The City annexed these three neighborhoods from Roanoke County in 1949, using Peters Creek as its western boundary. The neighborhoods also currently contain some of the extensive grounds associated with the Veterans Administration Hospital, the Norfolk Southern Railway, Shenandoah Avenue and several commercial establishments.

Peters Creek South is in the northwest quadrant of the city, bounded on the north by Melrose Avenue, on the south by Norfolk & Southern railroad tracks, on the east by the Shenandoah west and Hurt Park neighborhood, and on the west by the City of Salem. Main thoroughfares within the Peters Creek South neighborhood are Melrose Avenue, Peters Creek Road, Salem Turnpike, and Shenandoah Avenue. The suburban setting and four major arterials make for easy access to downtown, Valley View Mall, and other neighborhoods and services. The neighborhoods provide a variety of opportunities for living, from suburban-style development to more traditional historic areas. As with many city neighborhoods, continued revitalization and improvement are crucial to a bright future and a continued high quality of life.

When adopted, this plan will become a component of *Vision 2001-2020*, Roanoke's Comprehensive Plan. *Vision 2001-2020* recommends



Neighborhood Planning

that neighborhood organizations, civic groups, and businesses be involved in the development of neighborhood plans. The Roanoke Department of Planning Building and Development worked with neighborhood representatives, residents, property owners, and business owners to prepare this neighborhood plan. Through work sessions, the community's issues, opportunities, and areas of greatest need were discussed. This involvement formed the basis for the plan's recommendations and assured that community interests, as well as the overall concerns of the city, were addressed. A group of interested community representatives consistently attended work sessions. Their historical perspectives, thoughtful input, and direct comments were invaluable to the development of this plan. Discussion was organized around six key planning elements:

- Community Design
- Residential Development
- Economic Development
- Infrastructure
- Public Services
- Quality of Life

The Community Design element looks at physical design features and land use patterns. Residential Development addresses existing and new housing opportunities. Economic Development deals with commercial and industrial development in the neighborhood. The Infrastructure element evaluates transportation systems and utility systems such as water, sewer, environmental issues, and storm drainage. The Public Services element assesses Fire/EMS, police and other city services. Finally, the Quality of Life element addresses recreational opportunities, education, and community development. Each plan element contains information about current conditions and issues.

**Community
Values**

Planning staff conducted a detailed study of current neighborhood conditions, such as land use patterns and infrastructure. Residents were heavily involved throughout the development of the plan through planning workshops. Major issues identified through the process include:

- ***Incompatible infill housing and encroachment of commercial uses***
- ***Lack of curb and gutter***
- ***Traffic safety***
- ***Code enforcement/property maintenance***
- ***Police presence***
- ***Street maintenance***



Brick Ranch homes in the Edgewood-Morwanda-Summit Hills Neighborhood



Homes on 36th Street in the Wilmont Neighborhood

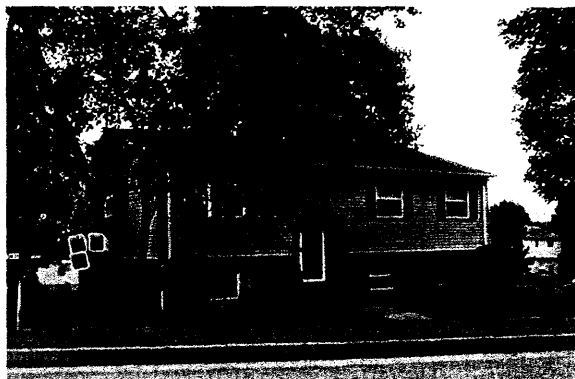
Strategic Initiatives

While this plan contains many recommended policies and actions, there are five **Strategic Initiatives** on which implementation should be focused:

Housing Development & Conservation: Promote rehabilitation, maintenance, well-designed infill development, and increased resident ownership. Zoning patterns should protect and maintain established residential areas.

Capacity Building: Peters Creek South residents are willing participants in determining the future of their neighborhood. Neighborhood-based organizations will be crucial to initiating and sustaining revitalization efforts. The many groups and individuals working toward Peters Creek South's revitalization should collaborate to ensure open communication and awareness of development projects.

Infrastructure: Peters Creek South should have safe, well-designed streets and other infrastructure. Traffic management and street design must be evaluated and improved to ensure compatibility with the neighborhood setting.



Homes in the Wilmont Neighborhood



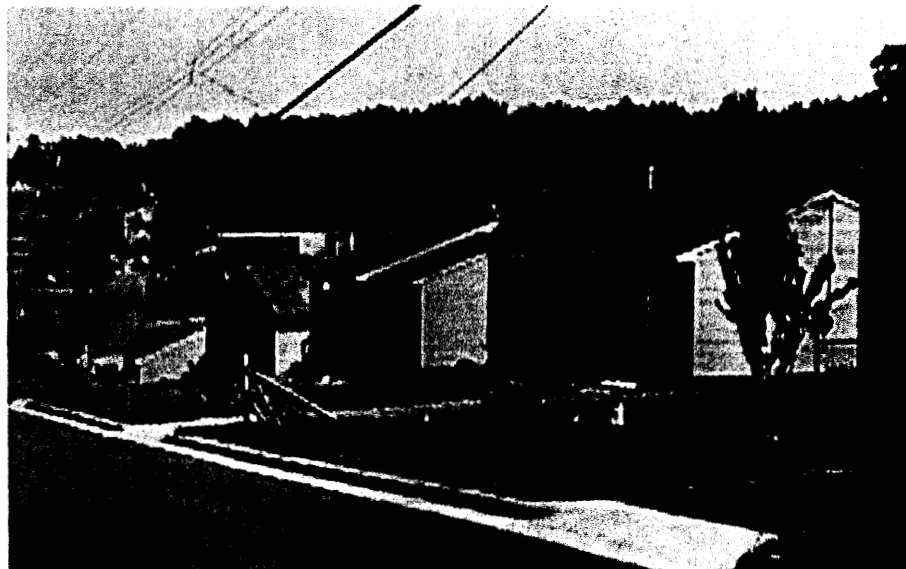
Homes in the Ridgewood Neighborhood

About this Plan and Roanoke *Vision 2001-2020*

In 1985, *Roanoke Vision*, the City's comprehensive plan, declared Roanoke a "City of Neighborhoods." A major recommendation of the plan was to develop neighborhood plans for each neighborhood. *Vision 2001-2020* continues support for neighborhood-based planning for a livable and sustainable city. Roanoke's neighborhoods will be more than just places to live: they will be the nucleus for civic life. Their local village centers serve as vibrant and accessible places for business, community services, and activities, including higher density housing clusters. (*Roanoke Vision 2001-2020*).

The *Peters Creek South Neighborhood Plan* establishes a shared vision and desired future for the neighborhood. Area residents, government officials, and city staff collaborated to develop this plan as a framework for the future. Some of this plan's goals are short-term (within five years). Others will take longer to accomplish. Many groups and organizations, including the Edgewood-Morwanda-Summit Hills Neighborhood Organization, Ridgewood Park Neighborhood League, Wilmont Neighborhood Organization, various departments within city government, and individual residents and businesses must work together to achieve the goals and help shape the future of the neighborhood.

Homes in the Wilmont Neighborhood



Development History of the Peters Creek South Neighborhoods

The history of the Peters Creek South Neighborhoods began with the Salem to Lynchburg Turnpike and Melrose Avenue/US Route 460, two of the earliest roads that traversed the Roanoke Valley. These roads, followed existing Indian and buffalo trails, which always took the easiest grades. Both roads run in a east/west direction. Melrose Avenue began as the Carvins New Road, originally leading to Cloverdale in the mid - 1700s. The Salem to Lynchburg Turnpike, originally called Neely's Road, carried travelers from Salem to Big Lick, and eventually on to Lynchburg. The Peters Creek area was originally part of Augusta County.

The earliest land grant in this vicinity was the Roanoke Grant in 1739, which encouraged many German and Scots-Irish to immigrate from Pennsylvania and Maryland. For example, in 1748, Peter Kinder, whose name Peters Creek bears, purchased a 150-acre tract at the junction of the creek and the Roanoke River. In addition, in the same year, Methusalem Griffith purchased 400-acres on the upper part of Peters Creek.

Several later settlements also contributed to the early history of the neighborhoods. A German settlement known as New Antrim, on the Presbyterian Meeting House Tract, was established in 1769 alongside Peters Creek near the current intersection of Peters Creek Road Extension and the Salem Turnpike. Adjacent to this tract, in 1791, Dr. John Neely acquired the largest tract, 1,083 acres that featured the original Neely's Road. Daniel Frantz purchased some of this land, built a house, and transferred 640 acres to George Howbert in 1816.

The last remnant of the New Antrim community was the ca. 1800 Howbert House, a large, two-story log house with full-dovetailed notching over a stone cellar. Frantz most likely built the original section, while George and his wife Elizabeth added another log section ca. 1816, overlooking Peters Creek. Their farmstead featured a stone-lined springhouse, orchards, cornfields, and associated outbuildings. Over time, the property changed hands several times and was later damaged by fire and left vacant. Despite the best efforts of city and state officials, and the Edgewood-Morwanda-Summit Hills Neighborhood Association, the Howbert House was demolished in 1999. It was one of the oldest and rarest recorded buildings in Roanoke.

During the 1850s and early 1860s, tracts of land transferred to new residents with names like Trout and Miller, while some tracts stayed with the descendants of Hubbert and Frantz. It appears that little development occurred during this time, except for a scattering of farmsteads along Salem Turnpike and Melrose Avenue.

Although there was little development during the mid-19th Century, three important cemeteries were established in what is now the South Washington Heights neighborhood. In 1890, when the Roanoke City Cemetery began to run out of land, business people purchased 52 acres



on the Salem Turnpike midway between Salem and Roanoke to create Fairview Cemetery. Although the current cemetery entrance faces Melrose Avenue, people originally entered from the Salem Turnpike under two stone pillars and an iron arch that displayed "Fair View." St. Andrews Catholic Cemetery, just west of Fairview, was established the following year, in 1891. Located directly north of St. Andrews is the C.C. Williams Memorial Park, established for the African-

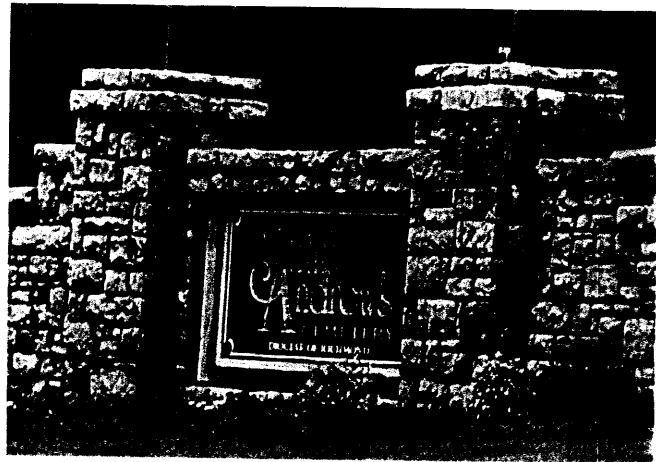
*Home in the South
Washington
Heights
Neighborhood*

American community. Christopher C. Williams, a native of Hampton, Virginia, moved to Roanoke in 1911 and became a successful longtime executive and community activist. He opened the C.C. Williams Funeral Home at 126 Gilmer Avenue, N.W. in 1912, and the C.C. Williams Memorial Park was named for him.

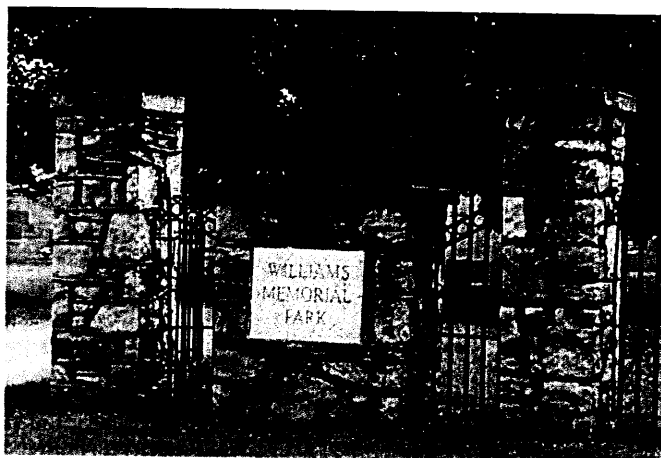
During the 1920s, smaller farmsteads and single-family homes appeared along the Turnpike and Melrose Avenue, and the Washington Heights Elementary School was built in 1921 to serve the community. Subdivisions began to occur in the Morwanda-Edgewood-Summit Hills and the South Washington Heights neighborhoods situated between Melrose Avenue to the north and Salem Turnpike to the south. Summit Hills still contains a gathering of farmhouses, bungalows, and what may have been an old general store that is indicative of a small 1920s community. These two neighborhoods were annexed by Roanoke in 1976.



*Fairview Cemetery in the
South Washington Heights
Neighborhood*



*Saint Andrews Cemetery in
the South Washington
Heights Neighborhood*



*Williams Memorial
Cemetery in the South
Washington Heights
Neighborhood*

Community Design

Zoning and Land Use Patterns

Peters Creek South is an area with a mix of traditional and suburban neighborhoods. Zoning patterns are needed to reflect these diverse development styles. The predominant land use in the Peters Creek South area is single-family residential. Forty-four percent of the land area is dedicated to single-family residential and 62 percent of the area is zoned for single-family. Several apartment complexes are scattered throughout the neighborhoods of South Washington Heights and Cherry Hill. They are generally zoned RM-2, Residential Multifamily District. The predominant housing architectural style throughout the Peters Creek South neighborhoods is the small suburban brick ranch style, most common in the 1950s - 1980s.

Peters Creek South		
	Zoning	Land Use
Single Family Residential	62%	44%
Mixed Density Residential	20%	6%
Commercial	6%	10%
Industrial	13%	4%
Institutional (includes cemeteries)	----	29%
Vacant	----	7%
Total		100%

Most commercial uses are located along major thoroughfares. Six commercial areas provide basic retail and services within close distance of residents. Smaller commercial establishments are dispersed throughout the neighborhood. Commercial uses accounts for ten percent of the Peters Creek South property uses



Brick Ranch homes in the Ridgewood Neighborhood

South Washington Heights

This neighborhood consists of mainly small ranch homes with additional craft homes, apartments and bungalow homes. This area has a mixture of retail, industrial, residential, and commercial. Only a small number of streets were developed in a grid pattern. Most areas have no curb or sidewalks, and street trees are sparse in this area. Three cemeteries occupy nearly 30% of the land area of the neighborhood.

Cherry Hill

Cherry Hill is a traditional suburban neighborhood that was developed in the mid 1900s. The neighborhood contains mostly single-family homes. Older homes are clustered in northeast part of the neighborhood. Much of the remaining homes in the area were built between 1970 and 1980 as ranch style homes. Two multifamily developments are within the neighborhood.

Steep rolling terrain provides views of the valley and surrounding areas. In addition, the Norfolk & Southern railroad tracks run east to west along the southern edge of Cherry Hill. Commercial establishments are located along Shenandoah Avenue. This plan identifies a small commercial area along Westwood Avenue and Old Stevens Road as a potential village center.

Noted development in the Cherry Hill neighborhood is the Roanoke Electric Steel plant, zoned Heavy Manufacturing (HM), and built in 1949. Before Steel Drive was built, trucks had to go through a residential area to enter the plant; even today some workers of the plant use Westside Avenue to get to work.

*Homes on Michigan Avenue,
South Washington Heights
Neighborhood*



*Brick Ranches in the
Cherry Hill Neighborhood*

Wilmont

Wilmont, a neighborhood with both traditional and suburban characteristics, developed between 1920 and 1960. It contains areas of single-family, detached homes on small lots, large multifamily apartment complexes, and commercial/industrial areas. Noted land uses in the Wilmont neighborhood include Fairview Elementary School, Greenvale Nursery School, Strauss Park, located on Westside Boulevard, and an industrial area on Shenandoah Avenue. The neighborhood has few street trees. Topography is rolling. The neighborhood has a modified grid pattern with large blocks and many dead-end streets.

Edgewood- Morwanda-Summit Hills

The Edgewood-Morwanda-Summit Hills neighborhood has mostly suburban development patterns, characterized by large blocks, large lot sizes, and multiple dead end streets.

Most of Edgewood-Morwanda-Summit Hills contains single-family detached dwellings on medium to large lots. Housing styles vary but are typically modern brick ranches. There are no multifamily developments within the neighborhood. A strip of commercial uses is located along Melrose Avenue. Most of the neighborhood's single-family homes were built in the 1950s through 1960.



Homes in the Wilmont Neighborhood



Homes in the Edgewood-Morwanda-Summit Hills Neighborhood

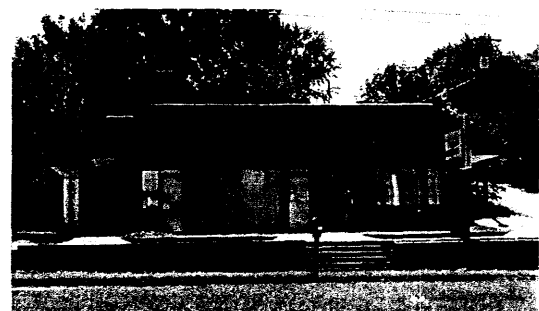
Commercial and Industrial

Most commercial land uses are located along Melrose Avenue. Most businesses along this corridor are automobile-oriented. With the exception of Melrose Avenue sidewalks are nearly non-existent, and parking is typically located in the front.

Most industrial uses are located along Shenandoah Avenue and Salem Turnpike. Parts of this industrially-zoned area are either undeveloped or under developed.

Peters Creek South Demographic Trends 1990-2000			
	1990	2000	% Change
Population	7,166	7,093	-1.0%
Black	3,035	3,536	+16%
White	4,038	3,216	-20%
Other Races & Multiracial	93	189	+103%
Ages			
0-17	1,974	1,894	-4%
18-34	1,951	1,580	-19%
34-65	2,362	2,532	+7%
65 and older	879	1,087	+24%

Roanoke Salem Plaza on Melrose Avenue on the border of South Washington Heights Neighborhood



Commercial business on Melrose Avenue on the border of South Washington Heights Neighborhood

Population and Characteristics

Peters Creek South had a population of 7,093 in 2000, about seven and one-half percent of the City's population. The Peters Creek South population decreased by one percent between 1990 and 2000. During the same period, Roanoke's population decreased by one and one-half percent. Despite a small population loss between 1990 and 2000, there was an increase in the number of housing units (1.5%).

Racial Composition: Peters Creek South saw dramatic shifts in its racial makeup between 1990 and 2000. The black population increased by 16 percent while the white population decreased by 20 percent. It is difficult, if not impossible, to determine the underlying cause of these patterns. On the surface, it appears to simulate a "white flight" pattern common in the 1950s and 60s, or it could be that the black population is simply replacing the white population and is not necessarily spurring an out-migration of whites. Demographic information suggests that people from majority black neighborhoods in the core areas of northwest have a tendency to move outward, but stay within the same sector of the city.

The "other races and multiracial" category more than doubled (+103%), but still only represents about five percent of the population. At least some of this increase could be attributed to addition of the "multiracial" category in the 2000 census.

Age Distribution: The 35 to 64 year old population is by far the largest age category. Peters Creek South's 65 and older population grew by almost four percent, the largest increase among all age categories. Despite this dramatic increase, the percentage of persons in the 65+ category is comparable to the citywide distribution. Also notable is the relative lack of people in the 0-17 age category, which is eight percentage points below citywide.

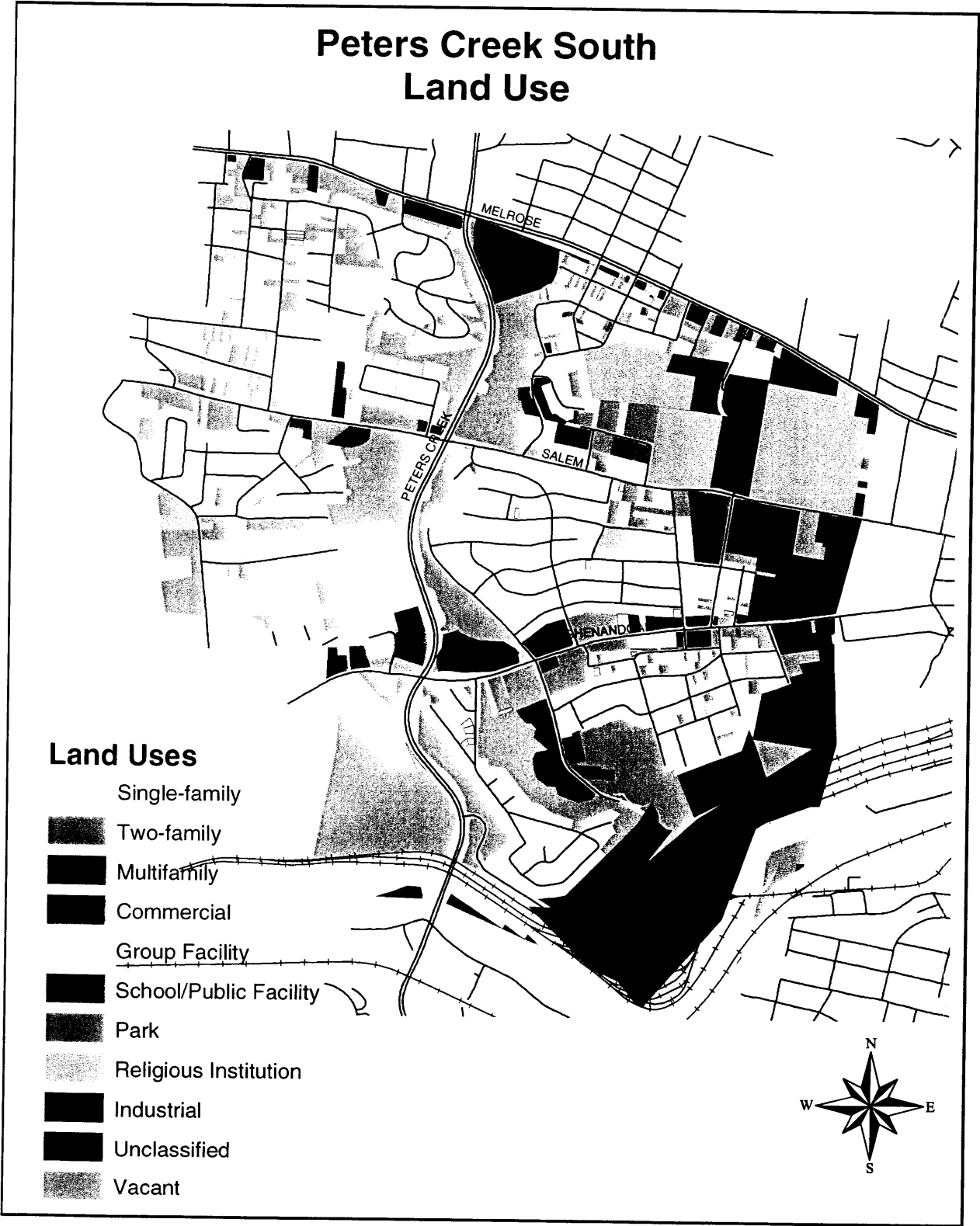
*Westwood Village
Apartments in the
South Washington
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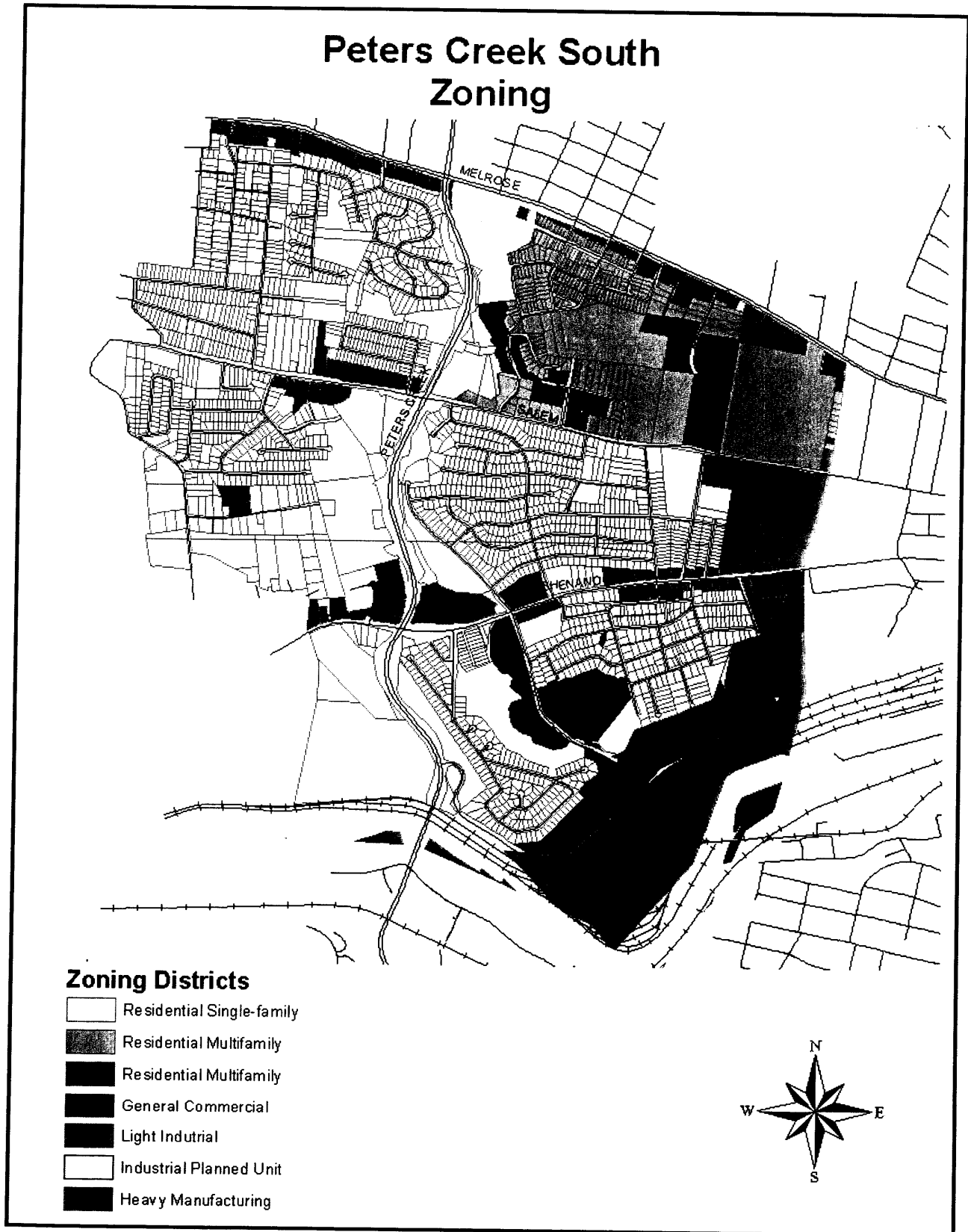


*Westside Apartment, South
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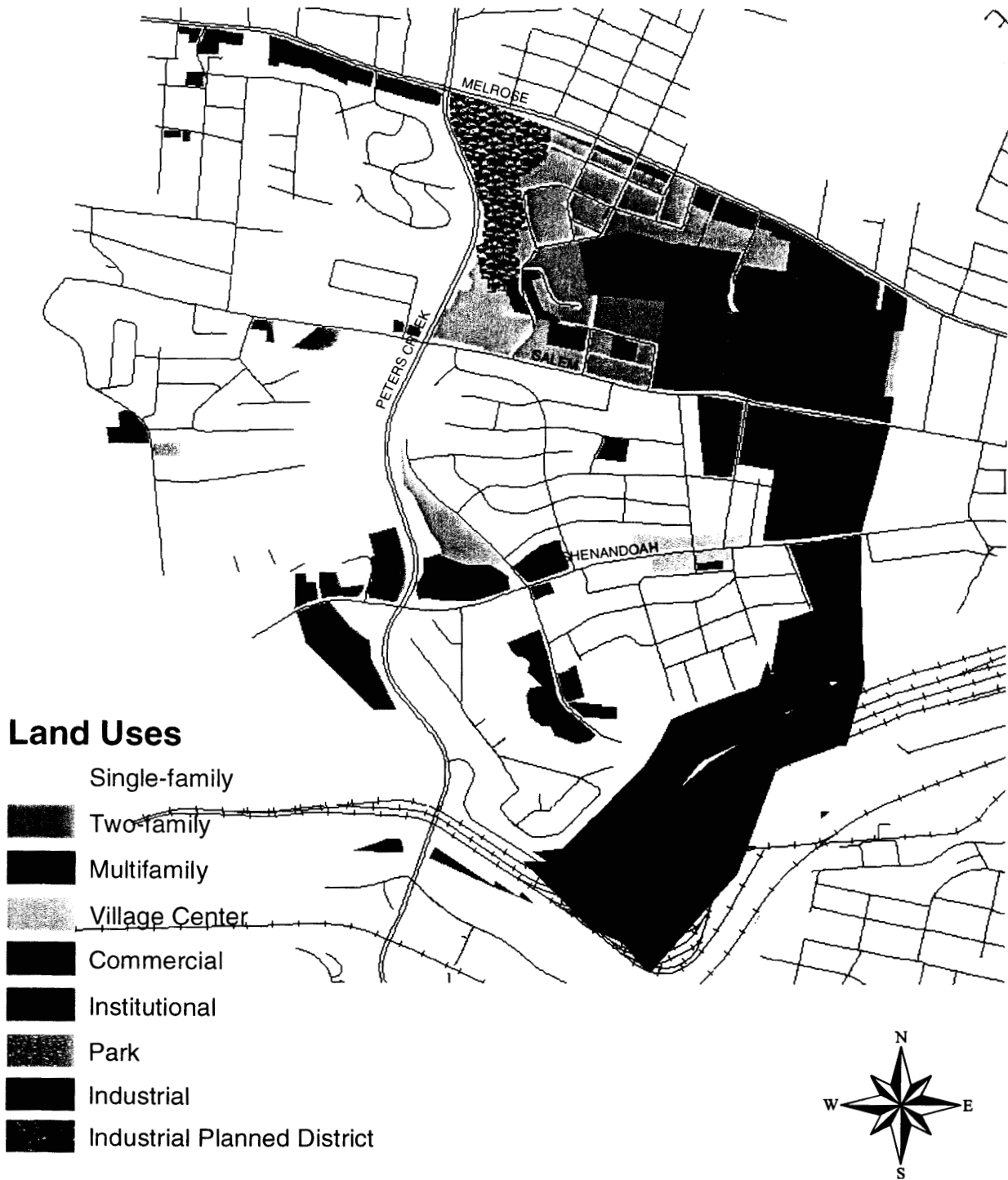


Population and Housing 2000		
	Peters Creek South Total	Roanoke
Population	7,093	94,911
Black	50%	27%
White	45%	69%
Other	5%	4%
Ages		
0-17	27%	19%
18-34	22%	27%
35-64	36%	38%
65 and over	15%	16%
Households	2,893	42,003
Owners	55%	56%
Renters	45%	44%





Peters Creek South Future Land Use



Residential Development

The Peters Creek South area is stable in terms of the ratio of owners to renters. Many of the larger rental properties are well maintained and managed, but others are showing signs of age and neglect. While there are not many large older homes in the area that can be divided into apartments, many of the small affordable homes have become rental properties. An existing supply of affordable rental housing is present with four apartment complexes in South Washington Heights and two within the Cherry Hill neighborhood. Multifamily properties tend to be clustered in one part of each neighborhood separated from single-family residential areas. Both Cherry Hill and South Washington Heights have several multifamily complexes clustered in one area. A mixed environment of homeowners and renters should be encouraged, and so should proper maintenance of existing properties.

Households have increased 1.5 percent between 1990 and 2000. The ratio of homeowners to renters remained virtually unchanged between 1990 and 2000. Homeownership for Peters Creek South is 55 percent, which is slightly lower than the homeownership rate for the city. Since portions of Peters Creek South have aging housing and aging population, future development should focus on diversity in housing supply and market. Residents consider the Peters Creek South area a good value for housing for the Roanoke Valley.

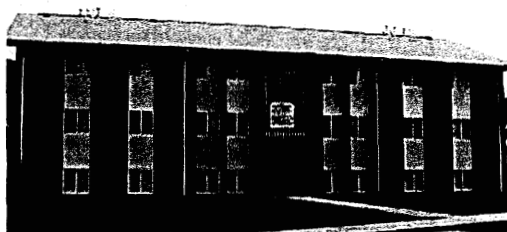
*Home on Morwanda Avenue in the Edgewood
Morwanda-Summit Hills Neighborhood*



Because of its relatively newer housing stock, Peters Creek South has not experienced many of the conditions found in some older city neighborhoods. Maintenance and Code violation problems tend to be related to outdoor storage, junk cars, and poor property maintenance.

Three apartment complexes and two private apartment buildings are located within the South Washington Heights area. Caru Apartments is the largest complex and is located off 35th Street. It has 20 residential buildings, each three stories, containing 244 units. Westwood Village, which is contiguous to Caru Apartments, has 16 two-story buildings with 113 units. Panorama Heights is a three-story apartment building on Panorama Avenue with a total of 12 units. On Fairview Road is also a three-story apartment building with 12 units. Both of these single buildings are of brick and are within close proximity of each other. Salem View Apartments are five, three-story buildings located off Westside Boulevard containing 60 units. Westside Apartments are also located on Westside Boulevard next to Salem View. There are twelve, two-story buildings totaling 74 units.

Cherry Hill has two apartment complexes within its boundaries. Barberry Avenue Apartments are three, two-story buildings equaling 18 units, positioned contiguous to each other on Barberry Street. These apartments were built in 1973 and today show signs of wear. Westcreek Manor, built in 1971, is the largest apartment complex within the Cherry Hill area. It has consists of 25 three-story buildings, totaling 200 units and is set in line along Westside Boulevard. West Creek Manor apartments in part have been newly renovated in the last few years. However, one section of the apartments complex across the street appears to be vacant and in need of refurbishing.



Caru Apartments in the South Washington Heights Neighborhood



West Creek Manor Apartments in the Cherry Hill Neighborhood

Residential Development Opportunities

All the neighborhoods in the Peters Creek South area have some land for potential development, but Ridgewood and Edgewood-Morwanda-Summit Hills have large-scale vacant land with potential for development. Some properties are large enough in terms of land area to support large-scale subdivisions like the neighborhood experienced in the 1960s and 1970s. However, much of the property is located on steep grades, thus limiting development potential. The scarcity of developable land within the city and the availability of infrastructure make this land very attractive to developers. The amount of large vacant parcels in the area provides excellent opportunities for new market-rate housing. More market-rate, single-family residential development should be encouraged.

Since many of the vacant parcels in the Peters Creek South area have development challenges, planned unit developments should be

considered as a development option. This will increase the options available for density, development standards such as setbacks, street widths, and housing types. Developers can include dedicated open space, a much needed amenity in the area, in return for increased density and enable development to avoid sensitive areas such as steep slopes. In addition, middle- and upper-income housing,

which is needed to help diversify low-to-moderate housing in the Peters Creek South area, should be the focus. Integrating limited multifamily housing in single-family development is preferred over a cluster development of large apartment complexes within established neighborhoods.

Vision 2001-2020 recommends higher density residential around village centers as a neighborhood model.

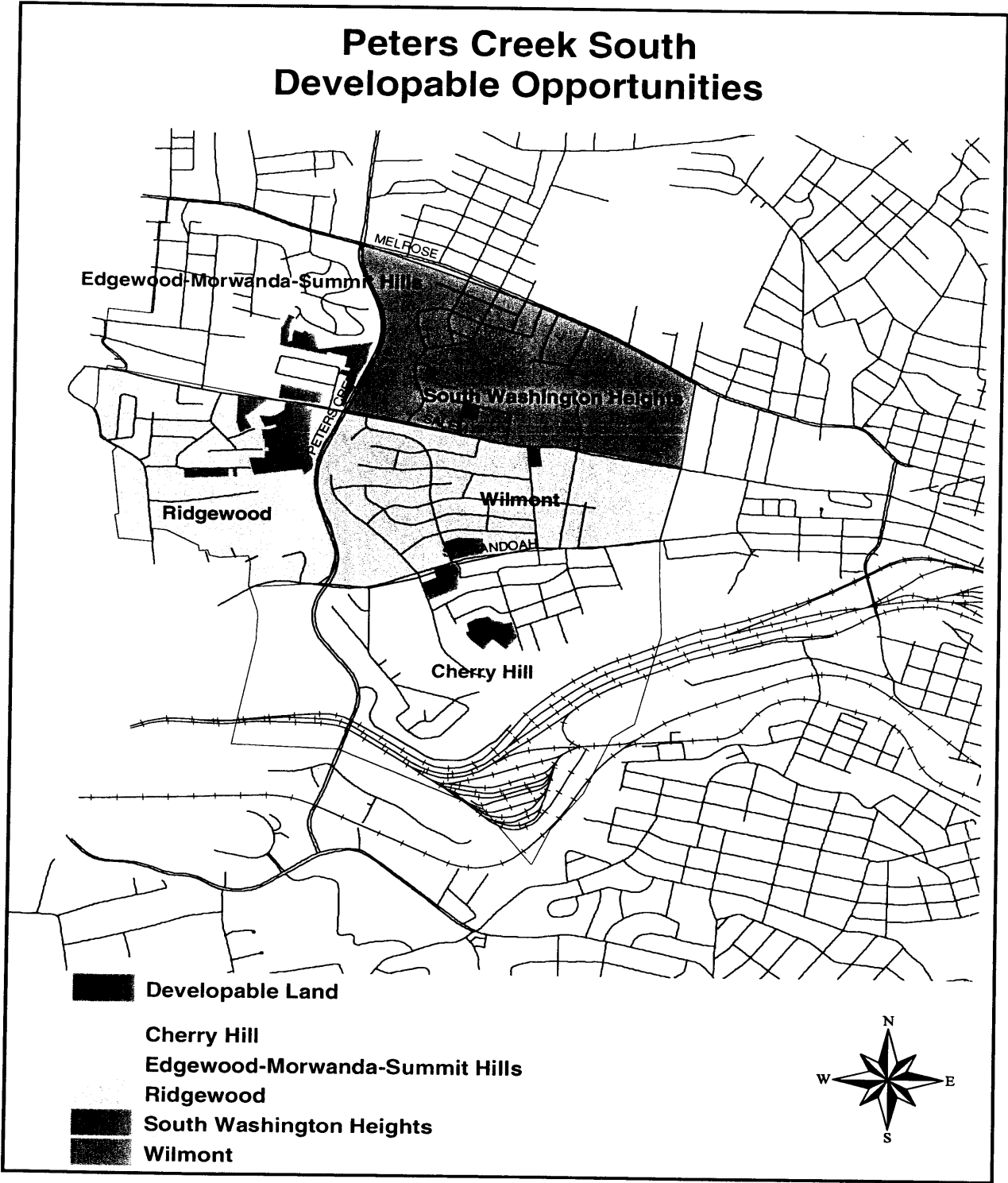
New subdivisions should connect to the existing street network to maintain traffic circulation and incorporate new development into the community. The use of a cul-de-sac for street endings should be avoided.

Vacant parcel in the Wilmont Neighborhood



Newer homes in the Ridgewood Neighborhood





Economic Development

Neighborhood Business Trends

Though the major employment center of the Roanoke Valley should continue to be downtown, it is still important to provide quality job opportunities throughout the city. Residents indicated that easy access to shopping is one of the advantages to living in the area. Peters Creek South has a diverse mix of commercial and industrial uses. Many businesses are focused on Shenandoah Avenue, Melrose Avenue, and Salem Turnpike. Peters Creek South has few small commercial areas within walking distance. Most residents of Peters Creek South neighborhoods have to drive in order to reach commercial establishments.

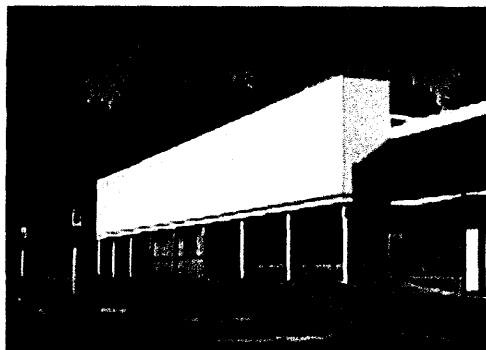
Economic Development Opportunities

Most commercial development takes place as strip development along major arterials. One goal of the comprehensive and neighborhood plans is to focus commercial development into centers. While it is difficult to completely reverse strip development patterns, zoning strategies can work to focus commercial development into identifiable centers. This plan identifies four such centers:

- Intersection of Melrose Avenue and Peters Creek Road
- Intersection of Peters Creek and Salem Turnpike
- Intersection of Peters Creek and Shenandoah Avenue
- Shenandoah between Peters Creek and Old Stevens Road

These centers could have a range of functions as commercial centers, from a compact village center to a larger local commercial center. Current scale and orientation of development in these centers will determine their future scale and character. Infrastructure improvements should be focused in these centers and coordinated with development to improve appearance and pedestrian access.

*Vacant commercial
space in the
Wilmont
Neighborhood*



*Small commercial area on Salem Turn-
pike, Edgewood-Morwanda-Summit Hills
Neighborhood*





Commercial area on Shenandoah Avenue (proposed Village Center area) in the Wilmont Neighborhood

Zoning patterns should reinforce these centers. General commercial zoning should be limited along corridors. Expanded use of neighborhood commercial zoning should be used to encourage maximum development of sites with many small-scale buildings containing diverse commercial uses.

Vision 2001-2020 identifies the southeast corner of Melrose Avenue and Peters Creek as a future development opportunity area. Roanoke Salem Plaza was originally developed in 1957 as an outdoor plaza, it once contained several national chains as anchors. Today it is used for warehouse space and outlet retail. Currently, it is zoned IPUD (Industrial Planned Unit Development). This site should be considered for redevelopment according to the development model illustrated in *Vision 2001-2020* with new buildings developed at the street frontage. In addition, pedestrian connection should be provided to existing residential areas.

Village Centers

Few of the centers mentioned above, as they exist, resemble identifiable village centers. These were formed around suburban neighborhoods and built for the use by car. Shenandoah Avenue between Westwood and Old Stevens Road is the closest setting to a village center within the Peters Creek South area. This area is located on the southern edge of the Wilmont neighborhood and the northern edge of the Cherry Hill neighborhood. It is close to Fairview School and within walking distance to the neighborhoods; it contains retail establishments, entertainment venues, restaurants, and office space. Future development should include vehicular and safe pedestrian-bicycle connections. Thoughtful site and building design should be encouraged for good relationships between commercial and residential development. Transitional landscaping should be used to reduce the visual impacts of larger parking lots.

At the corner of Peters Creek and Shenandoah is a small commercial cluster with a major grocery chain (Food Lion) as its anchor. A small commercial strip located across its parking lot, has a restaurant, cleaners, and movie rentals. *Vision 2001-2020* encourages a model that develops the street frontage for retail use and larger stores in the rear.

On Salem Turnpike at its intersection with Peters Creek Road, is a small commercial area that has a clothing shop, convenience store, and small car lot. All of the small commercial buildings need refurbishing, landscaping, and defining parking spaces would greatly improve the small commercial area.

Industrial Development

The Peters Creek South area contains significant industrial development, located mainly in the Wilmont and Cherry Hill neighborhoods. Thirteen percent of the land area is zoned industrial. The industrial district on Shenandoah and Salem Turnpike has some small and large scale industrial uses. Commercial uses such as restaurants or convenience stores are scattered along the edges of the industrial areas. Some industrial buildings appear to be vacant.

Roanoke Electric Steel is a large industrial operation located along the southeastern edge of the Cherry Hill. Both operations are adjacent to a residential area on Westside Boulevard. Before Steel Road was developed, employees and trucks used Westside Boulevard to get to the plant. Trucks now use Steel Road and Shenandoah Avenue for access. However, some employees continue to use Westside Boulevard to come to work.

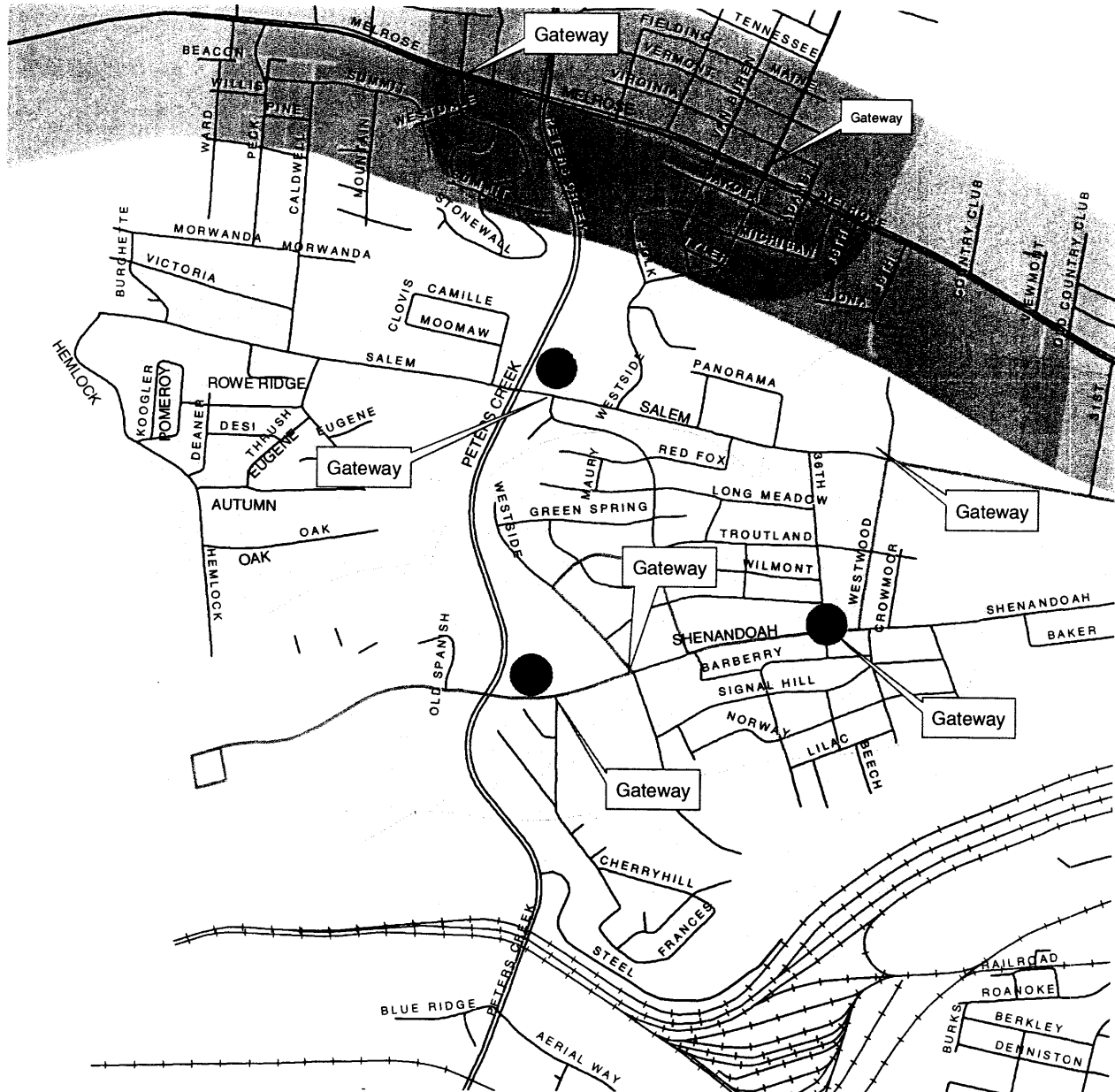


*Industrial site on Salem Turnpike,
Wilmont Neighborhood*

*Industrial property on Salem Turnpike
in the Wilmont Neighborhood*



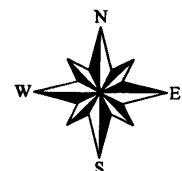
Peters Creek South Gateways, Commercial Centers and Bus Routes



Transit Coverage

- Bus Route 1/4 Mile Radius
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- Commercial Center
- Potential Village Center



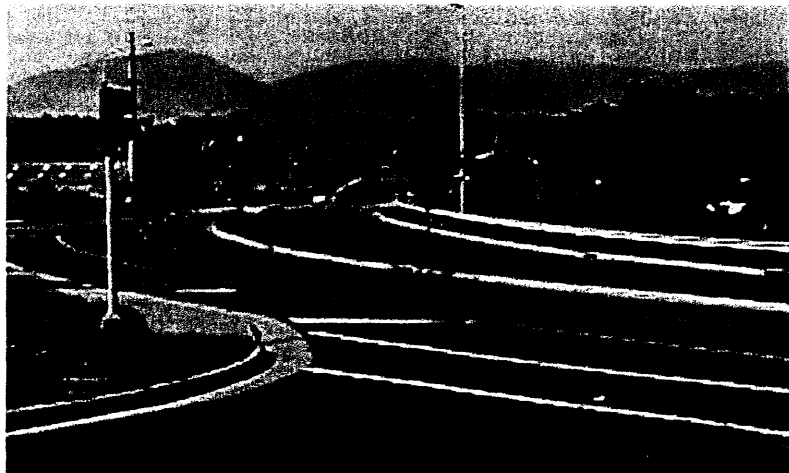
Infrastructure

Transportation

The Peters Creek South area has a strong framework of arterial streets. Melrose Avenue, Shenandoah Avenue, and Salem Turnpike are east-west arterials that radiate from the central core of Roanoke. Peters Creek Road intersects all three and provides north-south access. Hemlock Road, Old Stevens Road, 36th Street, and Westside Boulevard are neighborhood collector streets that provide access to smaller local streets. Each neighborhood has a network of local streets providing access to individual properties. The design of local streets ranges from a modified grid to more suburban designs with sweeping curves and cul-de-sacs.

Peters Creek Road is the heaviest traveled street within the Peters Creek South area. The Peters Creek Road extension, completed in 1996, leads south and connects with Brandon Avenue to provide better access between northwest and southwest. The extension has also increased the amount of traffic that leads through Peters Creek South. The Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) for Peters Creek Road extension, from US 11 to Aerial Way Drive is 16,000 trips per day (*Virginia Department of Transportation Daily Traffic Volume Estimates, Including Vehicle Classification Estimates, Special Locality Report 128, City of Roanoke, 2003*). Shenandoah Avenue AADT trips from west city line to 24th Street is 13,000; Melrose Avenue from Peters Creek Road to 24th Street is 12,000; and Salem Turnpike from the west city line to 36th Street is 7,300 trips.

*Peters Creek Road,
Cherry Hill
Neighborhood*



*Salem Turnpike,
between Wilmont
and Cherry Hill
Neighborhoods*



*Melrose Avenue, South
Washington Heights
Neighborhood boundary*



Transportation Plans

In 2003, the Roanoke Valley Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (RVAMPO) produced a draft of the Long-Range Transportation Plan 2025. Listed in its long-range plan are street improvements to Salem Turnpike/Shenandoah Avenue Corridor from 36th Street to 24th Street, including improvements of traffic lanes with bike lanes, with an estimated cost for this project of \$5.6 million. The Long Range Transportation Plan serves two primary purposes: 1) it provides a list of projects which could “graduate” to the more near term should unanticipated additional funding become available; and 2) it provides a sense of direction for citizens to ascertain how the regional transportation system would change if additional funding sources are available in the future. There are currently no transportation improvement projects in the area that are funded in the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Six-Year Plan.

Moomaw Heights drainage issues are identified with the city Engineering Division and currently have a storm drain project on hold until funding for construction is available.

Each neighborhood cited needs to improve safety and traffic conditions on arterial streets (Peters Creek, Shenandoah, and Salem Turnpike). However, the city should recognize the potential negative impacts that could be created by adding more lanes. Four-lane options should not be considered for Salem Turnpike or Shenandoah Avenue.

Alleys

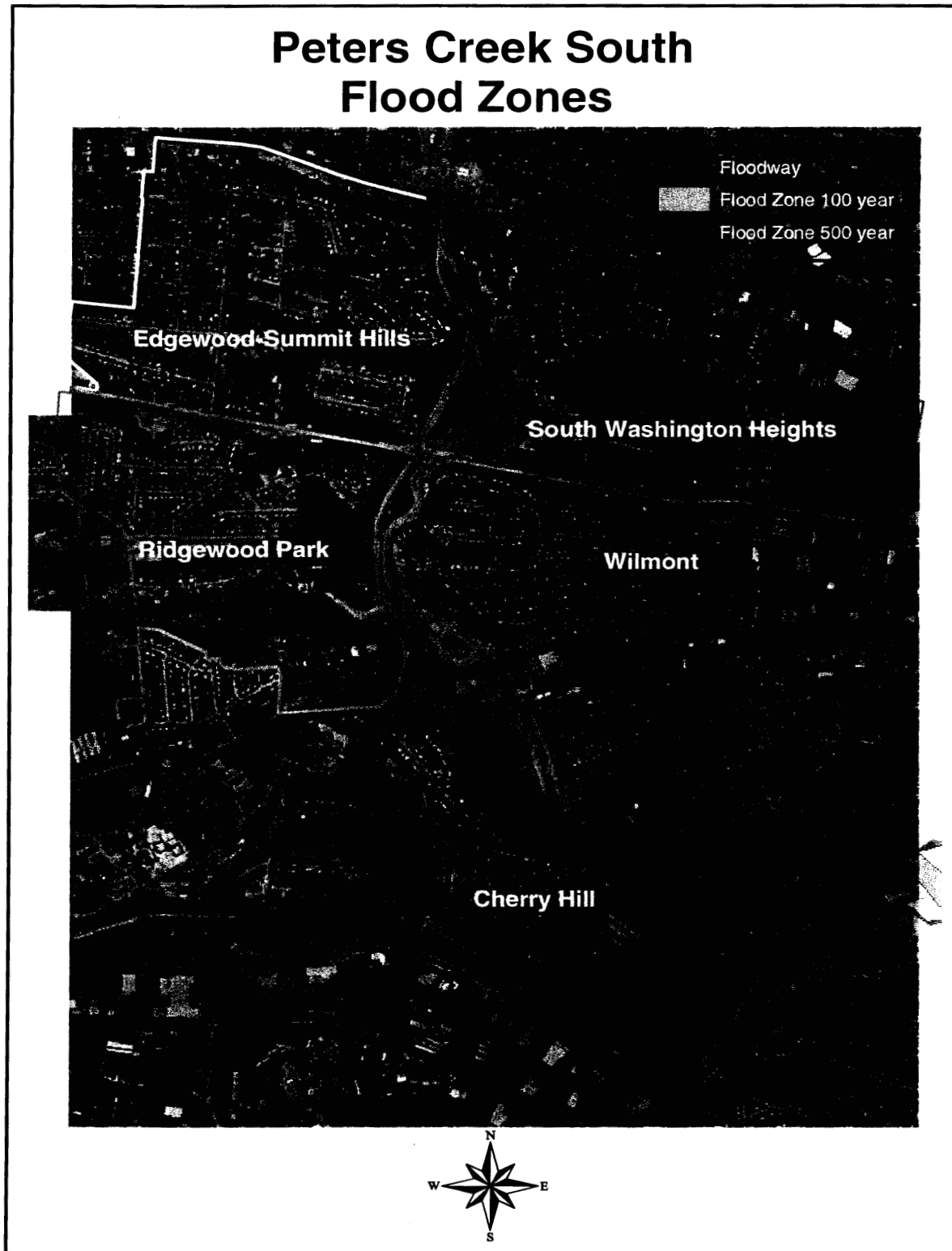
Alleys are not common in Peters Creek South. South Washington Heights has a few alleys, but most are unused and unimproved. The city should improve and maintain alleys that are needed for access or service. Unused unimproved alleys should be vacated and transferred to adjoining property owners.

**Sidewalks,
Curbs, Gutters**

There are few sidewalks in the Peters Creek South area. Most residential streets lack sidewalks because they were developed after WWII, when land developers discontinued the once-customary practice of installing sidewalks in neighborhoods as they developed. In planning workshops, residents expressed that new sidewalks are a high priority in improving the Peters Creek South area. However, the expectation of having new sidewalks constructed on all neighborhood streets is unrealistic. As with most suburban areas of Roanoke, cost would prohibit construction of new sidewalks throughout the area. Priorities for new sidewalk construction should therefore be limited to arterial and collector streets, where higher traffic volumes create the need for safe pedestrian access. Likewise, new curb and gutter construction should be limited to arterial and collector streets until a continuous system is complete.

Curbs are more common than sidewalks within the area. However, in Edgewood-Morwanda-Summit Hills and South Washington Heights, curbs are nearly non-existent. Residents in these neighborhoods indicate they have been requesting curb and gutter for many years. Front yard deterioration is evident where curb and gutter are absent. The absence of sidewalks and curbs may cause a series of problems, including poor drainage, parking in front yards, poor pedestrian circulation, and lack of definition between public and private space.

New sidewalks, curb, and gutters are needed throughout parts of the city as a whole, so it is unlikely that funding will be available to meet all the needs in Peters Creek South. Whenever new streets are built, sidewalks and curbs should be provided to prevent the need to construct them later. Based on recent changes to city policy, new subdivisions will be required to include sidewalks and curbs to provide for pedestrian access and prevent the City from having to bear the costs in the future.



Storm Drainage

Peter Creek flows north to south through the area. Numerous properties, especially those at Peters Creek Road and Melrose Avenue, experienced flood damage in 1985 and 1989. In response, the City of Roanoke undertook major flood control projects along the creek. Two large detention basins were built upstream in Roanoke County and the creek has been dredged to remove silt and debris that could cause increased flooding. These projects reduced the number of properties in the flood plain by nearly 20%. In addition, numerous properties have either been acquired or have been flood-proofed.

The inability to address all of the storm drainage problems in the area is part of a larger issue. The city currently has over \$57 million in needed storm drainage projects. Approximately \$700,000 per year on average has been spent in the last 15 years on storm drain improvements. There is currently no scheduled recurring funding or bond funding for storm drains. A long-term funding strategy should be developed to address the city's storm drainage needs. The funding shortfall creates the need to set priorities. Meanwhile, the Engineering Division ranks each project according to criteria such as safety, damage caused, frequency of the problem, number of people affected, and cost.

Westside Boulevard (next to Peters Creek) Cherry Hill Neighborhood



Transit Service

Public transportation is accessible, but could be improved. Less than half of the area is within a quarter mile of transportation route. Public transit stays mainly on arterial streets. No route serves the Salem Turnpike west of 36th Street. As a result, areas bordering the Salem Turnpike are underserved and must travel more than a half-mile to get to a transit route. Residents in the Peters Creek South neighborhoods voiced the need for covered stops for protection from inclement weather. Most of the bus stops in the neighborhood do not have benches; elderly residents who ride the bus sometimes have problems standing for long periods waiting for the bus. Valley Metro should explore the addition of bus stop shelters in strategic locations.

Gateways

Vision 2001-2020 views gateways as important elements in defining different areas of the city and enhancing the neighborhood's image. Peters Creek South does not have a welcome sign that denotes its boundaries, only Ridgewood has a neighborhood sign located at the corner of Salem Turnpike and Westdale. Priority areas for neighborhood gateways are identified as:

- Melrose Avenue at Pilot Street and Westside Boulevard
- Salem Turnpike at Westside Avenue and Old Stevens Road
- Shenandoah at Cherry Hill, 36th Street and Westside Boulevard

Each of these gateways should be enhanced by the addition of landscaping and gateway signs. Residents expressed interest in beautification of gateway areas to improve impressions when entering the neighborhoods. Neighborhood organizations should take the lead and coordinate with the city and each other for gateway enhancements.

Westside Boulevard and Salem Turnpike entrance to the Cherry Hill Neighborhood



Utilities

The Peters Creek South neighborhood is fully served with public water and sewer. Phone, electric, and cable lines are located above ground. Natural gas is available within the neighborhoods. Street lighting is good throughout most of Peters Creek South neighborhoods. However, residents report that areas in Edgewood-Morwanda-Summit Hills have inadequate lighting due to tree over growth. Streetlights are generally located at intersections but additional lights at mid-block locations could improve deficient areas.

**Bicycle
Pedestrian
Connections**

Peters Creek South lacks a network of sidewalks and bike routes. Most children, other than ones living in the Wilmont neighborhood, cannot walk or bike to school because there are no safe routes. The Regional Bicycle Suitability Study (page 56) delineates that Shenandoah Avenue from 30th Street to Salem city line grades the BCI (Bicycle Compatibility Index and the BLOS (Bicycle Level of Service) each with a D (meaning moderately low). The focus for enhancing pedestrian and bike access should be placed on arterial, where traffic volumes and speeds are higher.

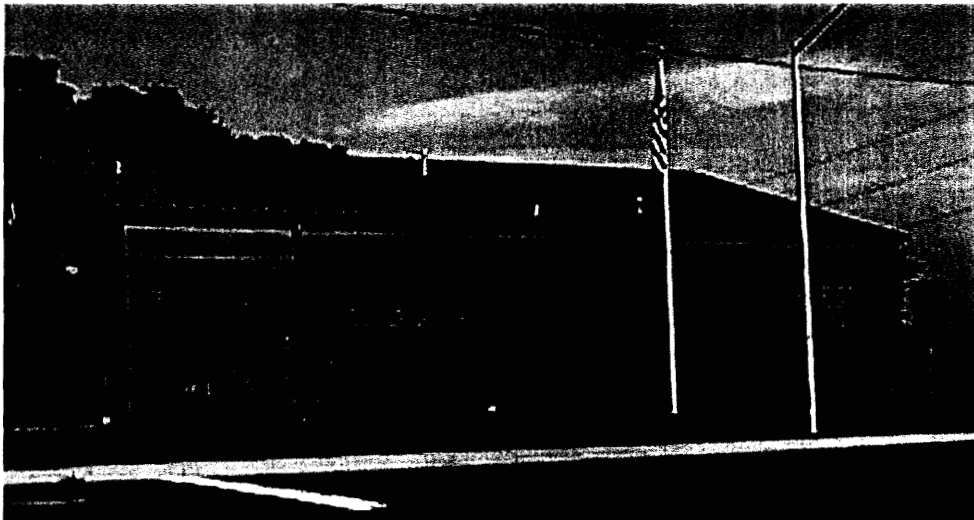
Vision 2001-2020 indicates a future greenway-pedestrian/bicycle pathway along Melrose Avenue from Peters Creek Road to Salem city limits, in addition to a greenway-pedestrian/bicycle pathway along Salem Turnpike from 24th Street to Peters Creek Road. Moreover, *Vision 2001-2020* also delineates bikeways along Melrose Avenue, Salem Turnpike and Peters Creek Road for the Peters Creek South area. These routes for greenway-pedestrian/bicycle should be developed for safer connections.

Within the Wilmont neighborhood, Old Stevens Road and 36th Street are heavily traveled by both pedestrians and cars. Both streets are used as routes to reach either Salem Turnpike or Shenandoah Avenue. Residents have complained that cars speed through these streets while kids play and walk the street. Speed safety measures (i.e., bike lane, sidewalks, yield signs, or signals) should be implemented concerning this issue.

Public Services

Fire and EMS

Station 4 located on Peters Creek Road, Station 13 on Appleton Avenue, Station 9 on 24th Street and Melrose Avenue, and Station 5 on 12th Street and Loudon Avenue provide fire and emergency medical response to the Peters Creek South area neighborhoods. Ambulance service is primarily from Stations 4 and 9. Current response times average four minutes (Roanoke City Fire/EMS statistics). The Fire/EMS Master Plan proposes consolidating Stations 5 and 9 into a large station with a multi-service facility located between Orange and Melrose Avenues at 20th Street. The majority of Peters Creek South is served by Fire Station 13 on Peters Creek Road. This is a fairly new station with a double company, which means it has an engine and a ladder truck. The median strip in front of Station 13 was recently reconfigured to provide easier access, subsequently reducing response time by 20 seconds.



Fire Station 4 on Peters Creek Road

**Code
Enforcement**

Code enforcement is a major issue for residents in the Peters Creek South area. Inoperative cars, outdoor storage lots, and weeds are recurring violations. Eyesores negatively affect surrounding property values and quality of life in the neighborhood. Effective code enforcement is essential for future revitalization efforts, and it must be aggressively pursued in the South Washington Heights, Wilmont, and Edgewood-Morwanda-Summit Hills neighborhoods. Residents chose code enforcement as a topic of special concern. They noted that violations seem to be in concentrated areas of the neighborhoods. These areas could be targeted by proactive inspections and assisted by residents reporting violations.

Crime prevention remains a priority of residents. Most residents in Peters Creek South value the safe environment their neighborhood provides. In February of 2000, City Council passed an ordinance advocated by neighborhood watch groups that would allow city abatement of public nuisances. This ordinance was seen as an important tool for enhancing crime-fighting efforts.

Many residents feel that noise (loud car audio systems) is a particular problem in their neighborhood. The problem with enforcement of noise pollution is it is difficult to catch the violators. In addition, residents in South Washington Heights, Wilmont, and Cherry Hill neighborhoods indicate that litter is an issue throughout the neighborhood. Residents can address this problem by sponsoring regular neighborhood cleanups. Neighborhoods throughout Roanoke regularly sponsor litter cleanups on Clean Valley Day, but participation is usually low from residents in the Peters Creek South neighborhoods. Greater participation of Clean Valley Day via residents becoming involved with their neighborhood organizations would help reduce litter problems in the area.

**Human
Services**

Vision 2001-2020 recommends educational systems and human services be linked to skill-based training programs and to state-of-the-art health care to enhance and support a healthy and productive life. Peters Creek South generally has adequate access to these services because of its location in the city. Nevertheless, some services need to be provided on a neighborhood level. *Vision 2001-2020* recommends a community based system that will bring human and health services to the neighborhood.

The City of Roanoke offers over 30 social service programs for people with problems stemming from lack of nourishment to lack of proper physical care. The city also offers program and grants to aid for home purchase, business building, home renovation, and repair. Many residents expressed concerns that they were not aware of such programs. Residents express that there is an apparent lack of communication concerning information on public support programs.

Automated solid waste collection is provided on street. Residents that attended planning workshops had few concerns about solid waste collection. Recycling collection services are provided throughout the area. Participation in the recycling program should be increased to encourage overall awareness of the neighborhood's environment.

Crime Prevention

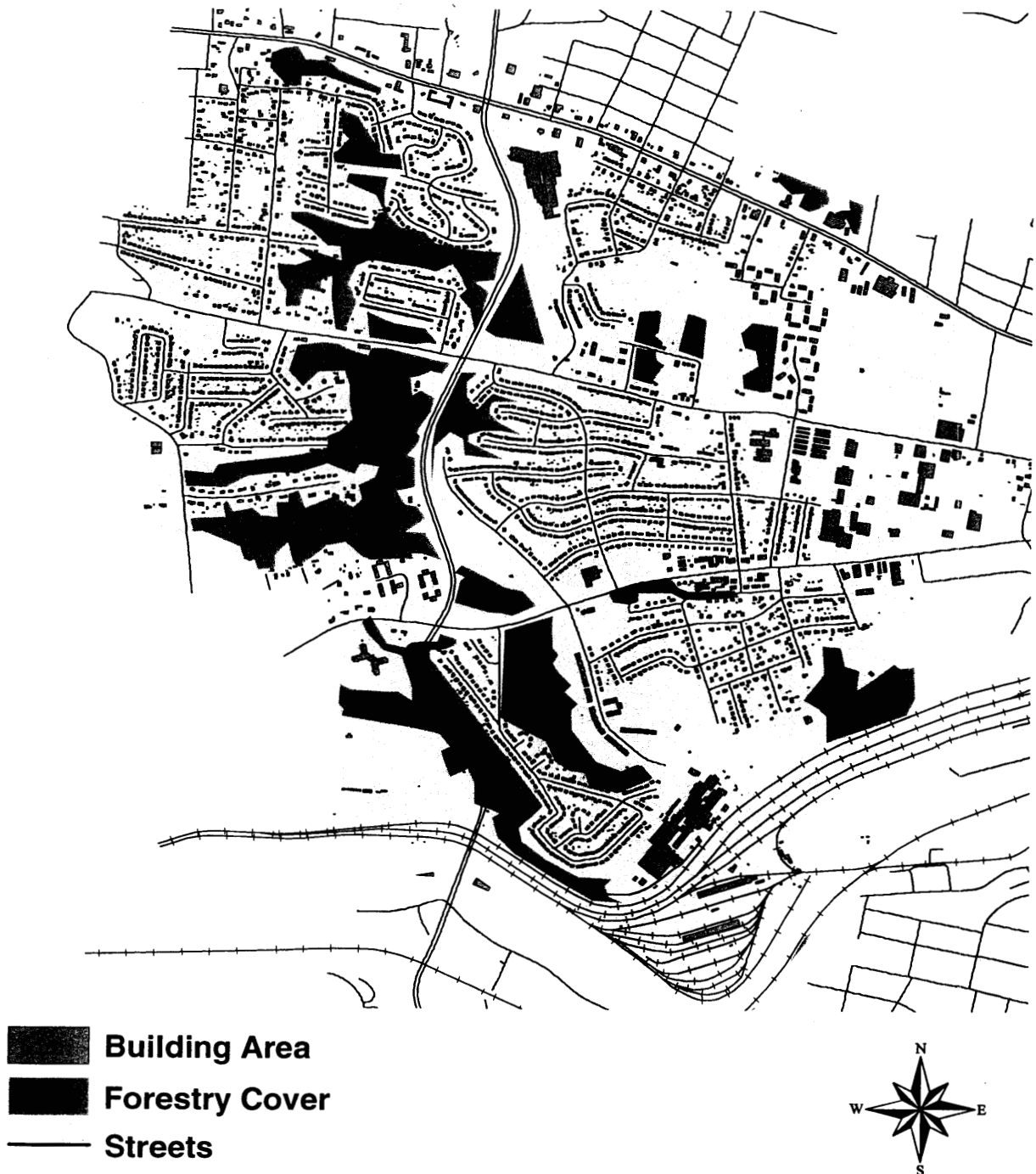
Public safety is of great concern and is crucial to improving any neighborhood's future. Residents from the Peters Creek South area expressed a perceived increase in criminal activity. Residents feel they need more police presence in the neighborhoods, by either bicycle or patrol car.

In 2004, the Roanoke City Police department restructured patrol to a geographic zone policing method. Funding for major infrastructure projects is generally provided through the City's Capital Improvement Program. Funding can come from a variety of sources, including CDBG, transportation funding, state, and federal funds, and general revenue. The Capital Improvement Program is developed by identifying needed projects and matching them with potential funding sources. Each project is reviewed and ranked in terms of priority.

The chart on the following page identifies major projects, their time frame, the lead agency or department, and potential sources of funding. The cost of most projects such as streetscape improvements cannot be determined until more detailed planning is completed.

The department has divided Roanoke into four zones, Northwest, Northeast, Southwest, and Southeast. Each zone has a Community Resource Officer that oversees current happenings within their assigned zone. The restructuring has brought positive reports on policing and positive reports from citizens. Crime reports in the last three years show a decrease in reports taken and a decrease in most categories of crime.

Peters Creek South Forestry Cover and Building Area

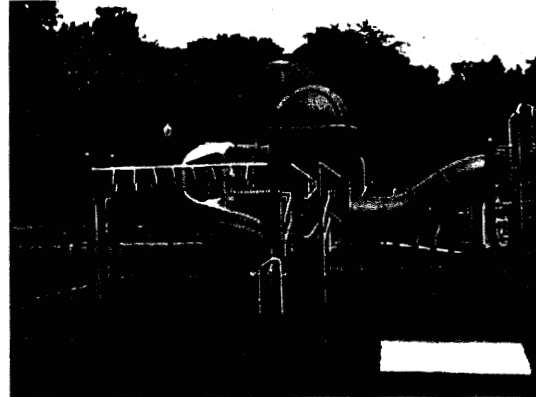


Quality of Life

There are two parks (Strauss Park and Ridgewood Park) within the Peters Creek South area. In August of 2004, the city opened Ridgewood Park, located on Hemlock Street. The 1999 Parks and Recreation Master Plan identified the need for park development in this neighborhood, and funding was made for the first phase of the Parks and Recreation Capital Improvement Projects. Amenities for the park include:

- Play structures
- Walking trail
- Picnic shelter
- Handicap accessible
- Future plans for this park includes a boardwalk and interpretive signage.

Ridgewood Park in the Ridgewood Neighborhood



Strauss Park in the Wilmont Neighborhood

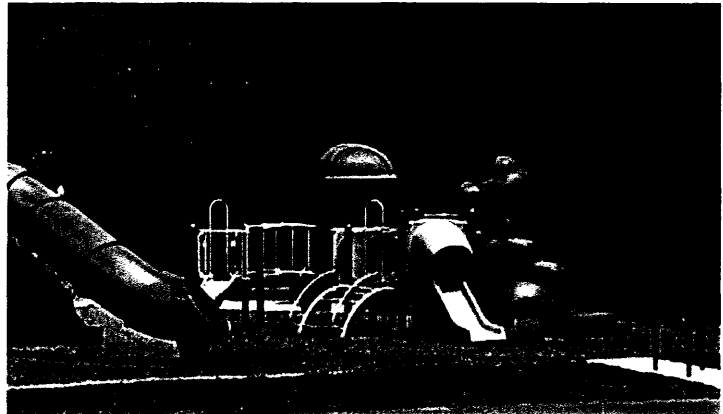


Strauss Park is located on Westside Boulevard in the Wilmont Neighborhood. Built in the 1970s within a floodplain, this 11.4-acre park serves the area neighborhood with amenities for picnics, basketball court, tennis courts, and fields for play. There are no future plans for this park except regular maintenance.

Residents expressed concerns that there was not a recreation center within the Peters Creek South area and that the closest recreation center was Norwich Recreation Center on Buford Avenue, S.W. The *Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan* that was adopted by City Council in September of 2000 delineates a balance of citizens' desires for large-scale recreation facilities with the benefits of smaller scale neighborhood parks and open space. At this time, there are no current plans for recreation centers for this area.

In addition to Peters Creek South area parks, a segment from *Vision 2001-2020* proposes extension of the greenway and bikeways along Melrose Avenue, Peters Creek, and along Salem Turnpike.

*Ridgewood Park in
the Ridgewood
Neighborhood*



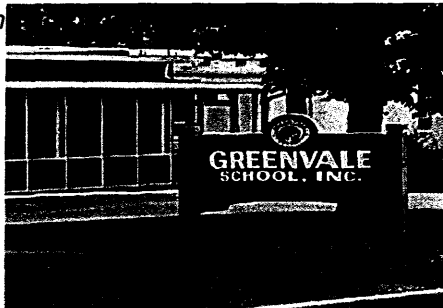
Schools

Fairview Elementary School and Greenvale (Nursery) School are located within the boundaries of Peters Creek South area. Youth within the areas attend William Fleming High School, William Ruffner Middle School, and Westside Elementary School for the Performing Arts and/or Fairview Elementary School. William Ruffner Middle School and Westside Elementary are both magnet schools, which provide a unique learning opportunity to attract students from around the city. Youth in the Ridgewood, Wilmont, and Cherry Hill neighborhoods attend Fairview, Addison Magnet School, and Patrick Henry High School. Youth in South Washington Heights attend Westside Elementary, Addison Magnet School, and William Fleming High. Edgewood-Morwanda-Summit Hills' youth attend Fairview Elementary, Addison Magnet, and William Fleming High.

Fairview Elementary School in the Wilmont Neighborhood



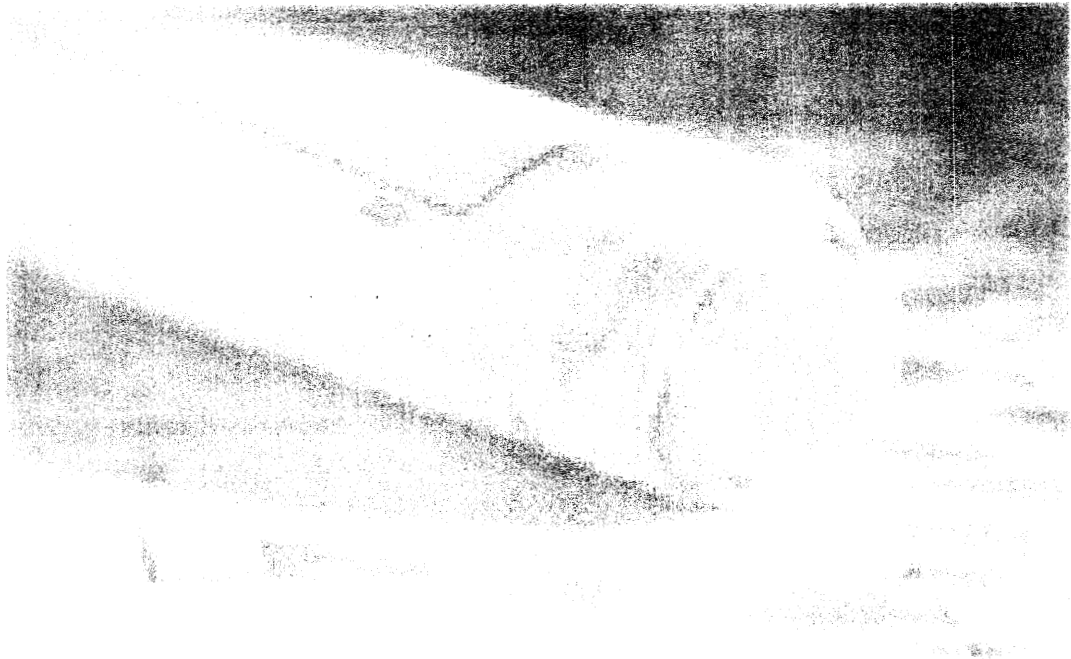
Greenvale School in the Wilmont Neighborhood



Recommendations

Recommendations are organized by the Plan Elements (community design, residential development, etc.). Recommendations take the form of policies or actions. Policies are principles or way of doing things that guide future decisions. In general, policies are ongoing. Actions are projects or tasks that can be completed and have a definite end.

The Future Land Use Plan is the most important recommendation of this plan. It specifies how future development should take place. Zoning is the principal tool that is used to implement the Future Land Use Plan, so the plan recommends changes to zoning so that future development will be consistent with the Future Land Use Plan.



Community Design

Policies

- Roanoke will encourage mixed-use neighborhoods with opportunities for housing, employment, and services for all ages, races, and incomes.
- Neighborhoods should be well-connected to one another and to other parts of the city. Streets should be designed with special attention to mobility and safety for pedestrians and bicycles.
- Zoning patterns will be used to focus commercial development into identified centers rather than in strip patterns along arterial streets. Zoning patterns will support the neighborhood pattern as noted in Vision 2001-2020, with identifiable centers with surrounding residential densities decreasing with distance from the center.
- Encourage collaboration of community groups to initiate beautification projects with a priority on improving gateways.
- Support streetscape and beautification projects, particularly at gateways where they can help to reinforce neighborhood identity.

Actions

- Adjust zoning patterns to create or reinforce the model of multiple centers, with residential densities decreasing with distance from each center.
- Reduce the intensity of strip commercial zoning in areas lying outside of identified centers.

Residential Development

Policies

- Roanoke will support development of new neighborhoods, or expansion of existing neighborhood, in areas identified as future Residential Development Opportunities. Zoning options such as planned unit development (PUD) should be considered to provide flexibility with respect to street design, lot sizes, setbacks, and density. PUDs can be used to maintain project feasibility while encouraging creation of usable open spaces and avoid development in environmentally sensitive areas such as steep slopes and riparian buffer areas.
- Areas immediately surrounding commercial centers should be considered for higher density housing. Higher density housing should be developed in a traditional neighborhood pattern (i.e., buildings fronting on streets) rather than in isolated complexes.
- Newly-created streets should tie into the existing street system and avoid creation of cul-de-sacs. Loop streets should be considered as an alternative to cul-de-sacs. New neighborhoods should include urban amenities such as curb/gutter, sidewalks, and street trees.
- New housing should focus in the mid-and upper-level markets to encourage balance in the range of housing. Further concentration of subsidized housing should be discouraged.
- Encourage better stewardship of multifamily and vacant properties by working with residents, neighborhood organizations, and Department of Housing and Neighborhood Services to increase vigilance and reporting of violations.

Actions

- Evaluate the development potential of properties identified as Residential Development Opportunities.
- Provide information sessions to residents to increase awareness of zoning codes and land use development.

Economic Development

Policies

- Roanoke will encourage good relationships between commercial and residential development through thoughtful site and building design, landscaping, and transitional uses. New retail establishments should have a strong orientation to their primary street frontages. Roanoke will promote a diverse mixture of uses in commercial centers that are compatible with neighborhood character and scale.
- The overall availability of vacant and underused commercial property should be considered before permitted expansion of commercial zoning districts.
- Support redevelopment of the Roanoke-Salem Plaza site.

Actions

- Implement zoning patterns and regulations, which focus commercial development into centers and encourage buildings to be oriented to the street frontage and have good relationships with adjacent land uses.
- Work with owners of Roanoke-Salem Plaza to develop a plan for redevelopment of the property, especially along the perimeter of the site.
- Consider placing public service facilities in village centers.
- Market the area village centers with emphasis on commercial uses with minimal noise and lighting impacts.

Infrastructure

Policies

- Street system should provide high connectivity between neighborhoods and other parts of the city. The street system should support mobility by multiple modes of transportation. Streets should be designed (or redesigned) with special attention to mobility and safety for pedestrians and bicycles.
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- Priority of construction of curb/gutter and sidewalks will be placed on arterial and collector streets.
- Streetlights should provide adequate illumination while avoiding glare and light pollution.

Actions

- Assess arterial streets for needed improvements and rank according to need.
- Identify priority areas for street lighting needs.
- Assess potential locations for bus stop shelters.
- Improve sight distance from streets along Salem Turnpike, Shenandoah Avenue, and Westside Boulevard.
- Develop a streetscape safety improvement strategy for Old Stevens Road and 36th Street.
- Develop bike accommodations bike lanes along east-west arterials (Melrose Avenue, Salem Turnpike, and Shenandoah Avenue).

Public Service

Policies

- Roanoke will maintain high levels of Fire/EMS service to the area.
- Support collaboration between neighborhood groups, the Department of Housing and Neighborhood Services, and Roanoke Neighborhood Advocates.
- Solid Waste Management will work to increase resident participation in household recycling programs.
- The Police Department will emphasize crime prevention through its geographic policing strategy, community-oriented policing, and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (C.P.T.E.D). Improve communication between residents and police to target places and times where increased patrol would be most effective.
- Housing and Neighborhood Services will work with neighborhood organizations to identify and respond to nuisance code violations such as junk cars, weeds, and outdoor storage.

Actions

- Continue community-policing programs in partnership with community groups to ensure clear objective, information flow, enforcement, and community outreach. Coordinate National Night Out events and ongoing crime preventions efforts.
- Work with neighborhood groups to distribute information about code enforcement issues and to encourage participation in household recycling.
- Support neighborhood-based volunteer litter clean-up events.

Quality of Life

Policies

- Improve neighborhood identity through beautification and gateway projects.
- Support ongoing active neighborhood organizations and community groups.
- Support creation of a network of high-quality parks and recreational facilities.
- Increase recreational utilization and opportunities in the area.
- Seek opportunities to connect the area's network of commercial centers and parks with greenways and/or on-street connections.

Actions

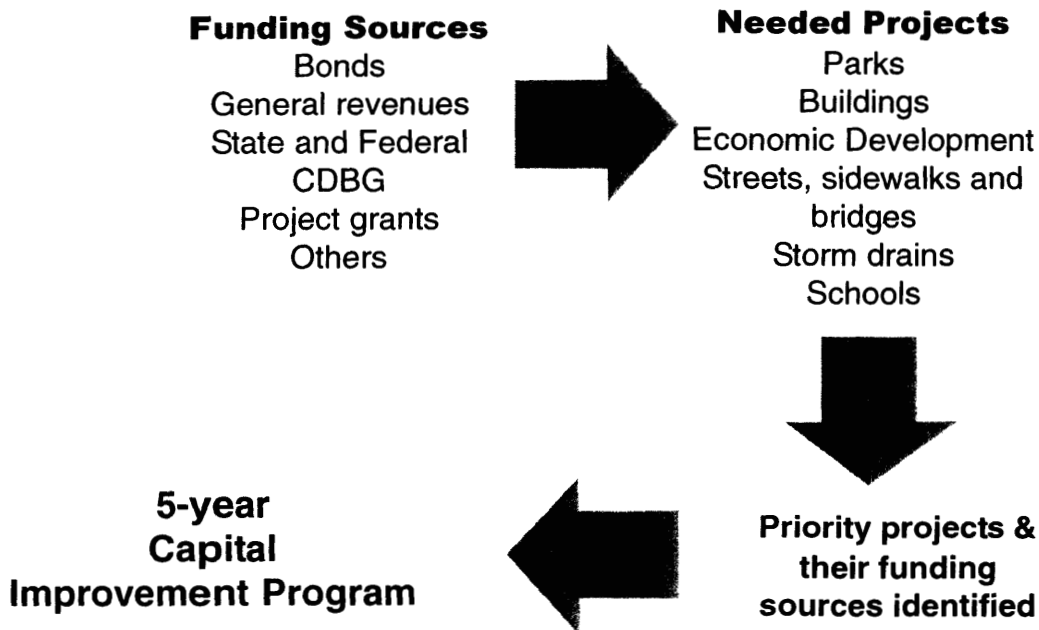
- Assess feasibility of establishing new small-scale neighborhood parks in underserved areas. Work with neighborhood organizations to identify specific locations that could be obtained and developed as "neighborhood parks" with a focus on sites that are not feasible to build because of flooding or other encumbrances.
- Assess additional amenities for existing parks (as requested by residents):
 - Recreation center for Peters Creek South area
 - New trail around Strauss Park
 - Water fountain at Strauss Park
 - Senior activities
- Coordinate periodic neighborhood cleanups by neighborhood organizations.

Implementation

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How large projects are funded: The Capital Improvement Program



Community Design		
Gateway Beautification	NG / HNS / PW	5 years
Vacant lot development	NG / HNS	5-10 years
Comprehensive Rezoning	PBD	1 year
Residential Development		
Implement home ownership programs	NG / HNS / PBD	Ongoing
Evaluate for potential development of opportunity properties	NG / HNS / PBD	2 year
Economic Development		
Develop Village Center between the intersections of Westwood Avenue and Old Stevens on Shenandoah Avenue.	ED / PBD	1 – 4 years
Revitalize older shopping centers and commercial buildings to improve relationship with existing land uses	PBD / ED	Ongoing
Infrastructure		
Repair and complete sidewalk and curb system	PW	5-10 years
Address partnership with Valley Metro and private property owners for bus stop shelters.	PO / HNS / VM	2-3 years
Develop proposed greenways-pedestrian/bicycle paths as proposed in the <i>Vision 2001-2020 Plan</i>	PR / EG / NG / PO	2-5 years
Improve arterial streets with gateways and streetscape beautification projects.	NG / EG / PW / HNS	Ongoing
Address safety issues on Old Stevens Road and 36 th Street.	PW / EN / TD	1-3 years
Identify priority areas for street lighting needs	NG / HNS / AEP	
Public Services		
Enact program for neighborhood crime prevention and code enforcement violations.	PD/ NG / CE	1-2 years
Continue education and advocacy of household recycling	PW / NG / HNS	Ongoing
Quality of Life		
Identify and develop small-scale neighborhood parks	PR / NG	2 - 5 years
Develop greenway and bike trails	PR / NG/ HNS/ PD	2 - 5 years

HNS: Housing Neighborhood Services ~ **PBD:** Planning Building and Development ~ **CE:** Code Enforcement ~ **NG:** Neighborhood Groups ~ **PD:** Police Department ~ **PR:** Parks and Recreation Department ~ **ED:** Economic Development ~ **PW:** Public Works ~ **EN:** Engineering Department ~ **ST:** Streets and Traffic ~ **VM:** Valley Metro ~ **PO:** Private Owners

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Thanks to the residents, businesses, and property owners who participated in the community workshops. Special thanks to the members of the Edgewood-Morwanda-Summit Hill Neighborhood Organization, Ridgewood Park Neighborhood League, Wilmont Neighborhood Organization for their active involvement in development of the plan.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROANOKE, VIRGINIA,

AN ORDINANCE approving the Peters Creek South Neighborhood Plan, and amending Vision 2001 - 2020, the City's Comprehensive Plan, to include the Peters Creek South Neighborhood Plan; and dispensing with the second reading of this ordinance by title.

WHEREAS, the Peters Creek South Neighborhood Plan (the "Plan") was presented to the Planning Commission;

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on September 15, 2005, and recommended adoption of the Plan and amending Vision 2001 - 2020, the City's Comprehensive Plan (the "Comprehensive Plan"), to include such Plan; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of §15.2-2204, Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, a public hearing on the proposed Plan was held before this Council on Monday, October 17, 2005, at which hearing all citizens so desiring were given an opportunity to be heard and to present their views on such amendment.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Roanoke as follows:

1. That this Council hereby approves the Peters Creek South Neighborhood Plan and amends Vision 2001- 2020, the City's Comprehensive Plan, to include the Peters Creek South Neighborhood Plan as an element thereof.
2. That the City Clerk is directed to forthwith transmit attested copies of this ordinance to the City Planning Commission.

3. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 12 of the City Charter, the second reading of this ordinance by title is hereby dispensed with.

ATTEST:

City Clerk.



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October 17, 2005

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Dear Mayor Harris and Members of City Council:

Subject: Easement on City-Owned Property
for Roanoke Gas Company - TM
#1012103 (Commonwealth
Building)

Roanoke Gas Company has requested an approximate 10' x 80' easement across city-owned property identified by Tax Map #1012103, on the Luck Avenue side of the Commonwealth Building. The easement is needed to install a new regulator station to replace an existing vault that is often flooded with runoff. See Attachment #1 for proposed location of easement. Roanoke Gas Company has agreed to enclose the regulators in a utility cabinet to improve the appearance. A temporary 40' X 80' easement is also needed for construction, which will expire upon completion of the work. See Attachment #2 for proposed Deed.

Recommended Action:

Following a public hearing, authorize the City Manager to execute the appropriate documents granting a utility easement as described above to Roanoke Gas Company, approved as to form by the City Attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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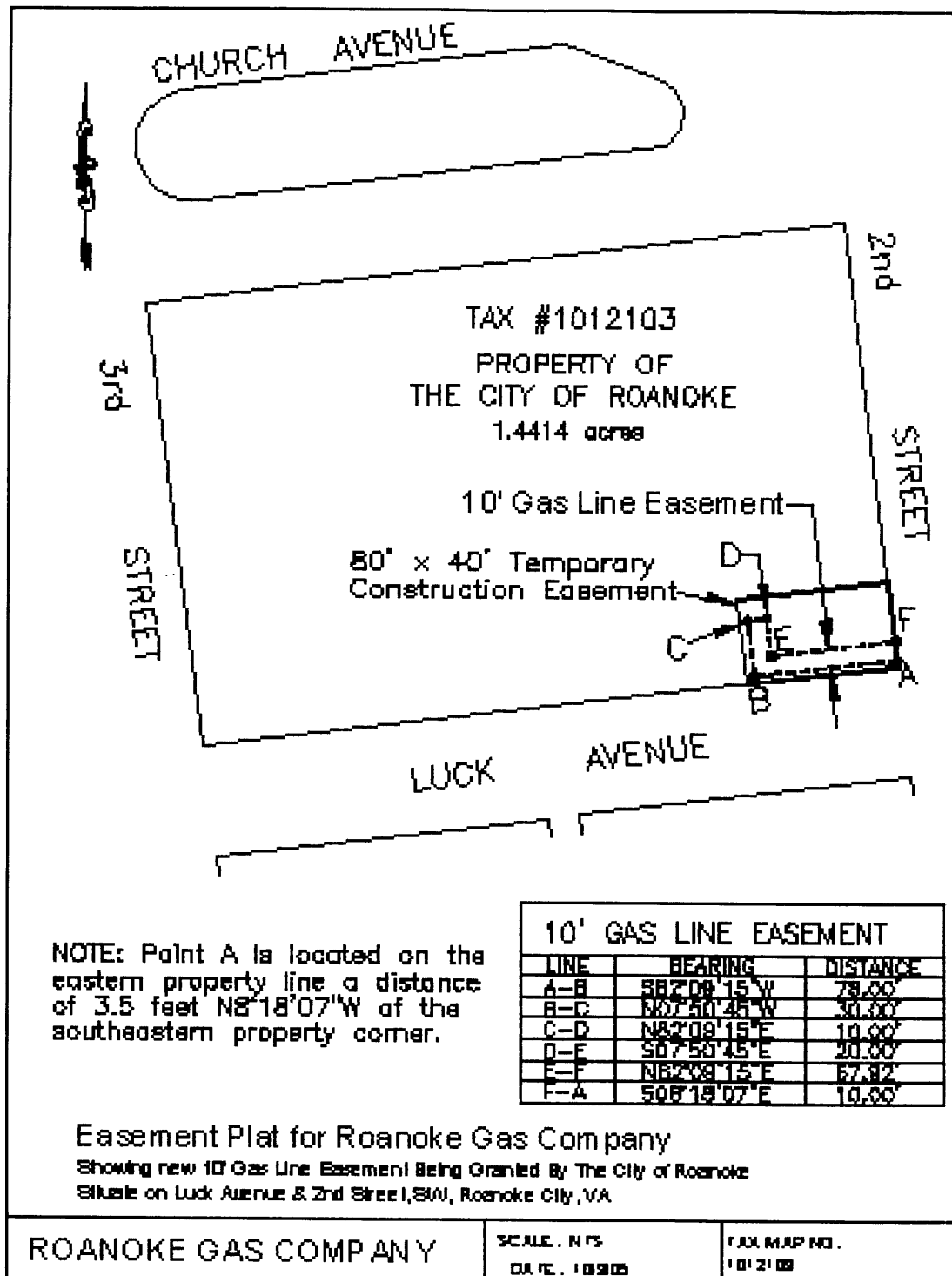
Darlene L. Burcham
City Manager

DLB/SEF

Attachments

c: Mary F. Parker, City Clerk
William M. Hackworth, City Attorney
Jesse A. Hall, Director of Finance
Sarah E. Fitton, Engineering Coordinator

#CM05-00151



Tax Map No. 1012103

THIS DEED OF EASEMENT, made this _____ day of _____, 2005,
by and between the **CITY OF ROANOKE, VIRGINIA**, hereinafter referred to as
"Grantor"; and **ROANOKE GAS COMPANY**, a Virginia corporation, hereinafter referred
to as "Grantee".

W I T N E S S E T H

THAT, FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and
other good and valuable consideration, paid by Grantee to Grantor, the receipt and
sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Grantor does hereby grant unto
Grantee, its successors and assigns, a temporary right of way and easement to
construct and install, together with the permanent right of way and easement to operate,
repair, and maintain a gas pipeline and regulator station (with appliances and
accessories useful and necessary in connection therewith) over, under, through and
across its land in the City of Roanoke, Commonwealth of Virginia, and being more
described as follows:

Roanoke
Gas
Company
P.O. Box
13007
Roanoke,
VA 24030

A 10' wide permanent gas line easement across the
southeastern portion of the land acquired by the Grantor by
deed of record in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of
Roanoke City, Virginia, in Deed Book 1431, Page 1999, and
designated as Tax Map No. 1012103. The location of said
easement is shown and designated as "10' GAS LINE
EASEMENT" upon the plat entitled "Easement Plat for Roanoke
Gas Company" as prepared by Roanoke Gas Company and
dated October 3, 2005. A 40' x 80' temporary construction
easement is also identified on said plat. Said plat is attached
hereto and recorded herewith.

The Grantee agrees to enclose regulators in a utility cabinet acceptable to the Grantor at its sole expense, and to restore and repair any damage to Grantor's property which may be caused by the construction, operation, or maintenance of said easement.

The Grantor agrees that the Grantee will not be expected to restore the property to the identical original condition, but rather as near thereto as practicable, and that the Grantee will cooperate with the Grantee in effectuating such restoration.

In the event that the right of way easement herein granted interferes with the future development of the lands of the Grantor, its successors or assigns, the Grantee, shall at its sole cost and expense, relocate said gas pipeline and related appurtenances to a suitable location on the premises of the Grantor as may be necessary to eliminate such interference, and that the easement required for such relocation shall be furnished without cost to the Grantee by the Grantor. The Grantee shall have reasonable time after receipt of such request in writing, not to exceed 45 days, in which to complete relocation of the gas line. The easement rights and privileges for the gas line and related appurtenances in its former location will automatically extend to any relocated course of such line without need for additional written right of way or other instrument.

Grantee will indemnify and save the Grantor harmless against any and all loss or damage, accidents, or injuries, to persons or property, whether of the Grantor or of any other persons or corporations arising in any manner from the negligence of Grantee in the construction, operation, or maintenance, or failure to properly construct, operate, or maintain its facilities installed upon the right of way granted by this deed of easement.

Darlene L. Burcham, City Manager of the City of Roanoke, Virginia, executes this instrument on behalf of the City Council of the City of Roanoke, Virginia, to convey the easement herein-above described pursuant to Ordinance No. _____ adopted by said Council on the _____ day of _____, 2005.

TO HAVE AND HOLD the same unto the Grantee, its successors and assigns forever.

WITNESS the following signature and seals:

Approved as to form:

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF ROANOKE, VIRGINIA

City Attorney

By: _____ (SEAL)

DARLENE L. BURCHAM
City Manager
City of Roanoke, Virginia

Commonwealth of Virginia,
City of Roanoke, To-wit:

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, 2005, by DARLENE L. BURCHAM, City Manager, on behalf of the City Council of the City of Roanoke, Virginia.

Notary Public

My Commission expires: _____

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROANOKE, VIRGINIA,

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the donation and conveyance of a ten foot by eighty foot easement and a forty foot by eighty foot temporary easement on City-owned property identified by Official Tax No. 1012103, on the Luck Avenue side of the Commonwealth Building, to Roanoke Gas Company, to install a new regulator station to replace an existing vault that is often flooded with runoff, upon certain terms and conditions; and dispensing with the second reading by title of this ordinance.

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on October 17, 2005, pursuant to §§15.2-1800(B) and 1813, Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, at which hearing all parties in interest and citizens were afforded an opportunity to be heard on such conveyance.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Roanoke that:

1. The City Manager and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute and attest, respectively, in form approved by the City Attorney, the necessary documents donating and conveying a ten foot by eighty foot easement and a forty foot by eighty foot temporary easement on City-owned property identified by Official Tax No. 1012103, on the Luck Avenue side of the Commonwealth Building, to Roanoke Gas Company, to install a new regulator station to replace an existing vault that is often flooded with runoff, upon certain terms and conditions, and as more fully described in a letter of the City Manager to City Council dated October 17, 2005.

2. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 12 of the City Charter, the second reading of this ordinance by title is hereby dispensed with.

ATTEST:

City Clerk.



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October 17, 2005

Honorable C. Nelson Harris, Mayor
Honorable Beverly T. Fitzpatrick, Jr., Vice Mayor
Honorable Dr. M. Rupert Cutler, Council Member
Honorable Alfred T. Dowe, Jr., Council Member
Honorable Sherman P. Lea, Council Member
Honorable Brenda L. McDaniel, Council Member
Honorable Brian J. Wishneff, Council Member

Dear Mayor Harris and Members of City Council:

Subject: Public Hearing on the Federal-Aid
Highway Transportation
Enhancement Projects

Background:

The Transportation Enhancement Program is intended to promote mobility, protection of the human and natural environment, community preservation, sustainability, and livability. Traditionally, this program has been funded through a requirement that state departments of transportation set aside 10 percent of their Surface Transportation Program (STP) allocation each year for transportation enhancement activities. These activities include such projects as facilities for pedestrians and bicyclists (such as greenways) and rehabilitation of historic transportation buildings. The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) advertised and held an applicant workshop on the TEA-21 enhancement program in Bedford on August 23, 2005, at which citizens and public officials were able to ask questions and learn more about this program.

Considerations:


Any group or individual may initiate enhancement projects; however, City Council and the Metropolitan Planning Organization must endorse the applications prior to submittal to VDOT by the applicant by November 1, 2005. Two (2) enhancement project applications have been received and are described in Attachments A and B. These two applications require Council and MPO actions. In addition, two applicants are requesting additional funds on existing projects. These include Total Action Against Poverty (TAP) for the Dumas Center for Artistic and Cultural Development and the Roanoke Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society for the Virginian Railway Passenger Railway Station. Council and the MPO passed resolutions previously on these

two applications. No further action is required. Summaries of these applications are provided for information only in Attachments C and D. City Council resolutions that would endorse these project applications also require, according to VDOT, that the City of Roanoke agree to be liable for a minimum of 20 percent of the total cost for planning and design, right-of-way and construction of the project, and that, if the City subsequently elects to cancel a project, the City agrees to reimburse VDOT for the total amount of the costs expended by VDOT through the date of cancellation of that project. A project funding summary, including proposed sources for the local match, is included in Attachment E. An agreement to be executed between the City and a project applicant will require the applicant to be fully responsible for the matching funds as set forth in Attachment E and, if the project is canceled, the agreement will also require the applicant to reimburse the City for all amounts due VDOT.

Recommendation:

Endorse, by separate resolutions, the project applications which are summarized in Attachments A and B, and agree to pay the respective percentages of the total cost for each project (as described in Attachment E) and that, if the City elects to cancel the project, the City would reimburse VDOT for the total amount of costs associated with any work completed on these projects through the date of cancellation notice. Also, authorize the City Manager to execute, on behalf of the City, City/State Agreements for project administration, subject to approval of project applications by VDOT, and authorize the City Manager to execute, on behalf of the City, a legally binding agreement with the project applicants subject to their application being approved by VDOT, requiring the applicants to be fully responsible for its matching funds (as described in Attachment E) as well as all other obligations undertaken by the City by virtue of the City/State Agreement.

Respectfully submitted,



Darlene L. Burcham
City Manager

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Attachments

Mary F. Parker, City Clerk
William M. Hackworth, City Attorney
Jesse A. Hall, Director of Finance
Kenneth H. King Jr., P.E., Manager, Division of Transportation

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**Walker Avenue Gateway
Lick Run Greenway**

Applicant: City of Roanoke

Objective:

The City of Roanoke is requesting Transportation Enhancement Funds in the amount of \$480,000 for the greenway connection from the Lick Run Greenway to the Roanoke Civic Center, via Walker Avenue.

Overview:

The project provides a connection from the previously funded Lick Run Greenway to the Roanoke Civic Center. This link will provide for off road pedestrian and bicycle accomodation from the Hotel Roanoke and greater Downtown Roanoke to the Roanoke Civic Center. Additionally, the Lick Run Greenway provides an off road connection northerly to the Valley View Mall and Roanoke Regional Airport area. The Roanoke Civic Center is owned and operated by the City of Roanoke and has a 12,000 seat arena, and a performing art theatre. The Civic Center has a \$11.6 M expansion under construction that will provide a 45,000 square foot exhibit hall.

Grant Criteria Met:

The Walker Avenue Gateway meets five of the twelve criteria under which the project may qualify, including:

1. Bicycle and pedestrian facilities
2. Bicycle and pedestrian safety and education activities
3. Scenic easements and scennic or historic sites
4. Lanscaping and other scenic beautification, historic preservation
5. Mitigation of Pollution due to highway runoff and wildlife protection

Cost:

The application requests \$480,000 to be matched with \$210,000 in local funding to fully fund the \$690,000 project. The matching funds will be allocated from existing greenway capital funding.

**O. Winston Link Museum Open Storage Enhancement
Applicant – Historical Society of Western Virginia**

Objective:

The Historical Society of Western Virginia is requesting Transportation Enhancement Funds in the amount of \$215,000.00 for the completion of an open storage system for its newest operating division, the O. Winston Link Museum.

Overview:

Transportation Enhancement funding will provide the O. Winston Link Museum with the means to develop and create a customized display system, capable of safely storing more than 100 original photographs. The open storage unit will provide the institution with the ability to appropriately house and uniquely display the balance of the collection's 275 photographic works, all documenting the wanning days of the N&W steam locomotive program, that would not be on immediate exhibition within the five galleries of the Museum. This system will allow patrons interested in photography, regional, and railway history, to view all of the collection, each time that they visit.

Grant Criteria Met:

The Historical Society's project meets three of the twelve categories under which a project may qualify, including:

1. Historic Preservation
2. Rehabilitation of a Historic Transportation Building, Structure or Facility
3. Establish a Transportation Museum

Cost:

This application requests \$172,000.00 to be matched by \$43,000 in matching funds, comprised of donations of cash, appreciated securities and/or other assets.

**Dumas Center for Artistic and Cultural Development
Applicant – Total Action Against Poverty**

Objective

Total Action Against Poverty is requesting Transportation Enhancements funds in the amount of \$875,000 for the completion of the Dumas Center for Artistic and Cultural Development.

Overview

Requested grant funds will complete renovation of the Hotel Dumas, a historic transportation facility in downtown Roanoke to create the Dumas Center for Artistic and Cultural Development, a community arts and cultural center serving the City of Roanoke and the entire southwestern Virginia region. The Hotel Dumas is eligible for listing in the Virginia and National Historic Registers and is located in the Henry Street Historic District. The project will rehabilitate and renovate the historic structure in compliance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings.

The Dumas Center will provide a cultural and entertainment venue in the Henry Street Historic District in Roanoke that complements existing and planned historic, educational, and culinary ventures within easy walking distance, resulting in the creation of a high-quality cultural, historic, and educational tourism destination in the Henry Street Historic District. The Center will provide new permanent headquarters for two Roanoke performing arts organizations: Opera Roanoke and Downtown Music Lab.

The Dumas Center will also link the Henry Street Historic District to downtown Roanoke via the Martin Luther King Memorial Bridge and will commemorate the history of the Hotel Dumas as the only first-class lodging for African Americans traveling in Roanoke during segregation.

Grant Criteria Met

The Dumas Center for Artistic and Cultural Development addresses two Transportation Enhancements categories: (a) historic preservation and (b) rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation building.

The Dumas Center for Artistic and Cultural Development serves the surface transportation system as a tourism destination and as a thematic and functional part of existing and planned tourism venues in and around the Henry Street Historic District.

Cost

The total development cost of the Dumas Center for Artistic and Cultural Development is \$3,746,478. To date, funds for this purpose in the amount of \$2,872,020 have been raised by TAP. Funds needed for completion of the project are \$875,000 – the amount being requested in this application for Transportation Enhancements funds.

**Virginian Railway Passenger Station
Applicant – Roanoke Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society**

Objective:

Under sponsorship of the Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority, the Roanoke Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society is requesting Transportation Enhancement Funds in the amount of \$182,000.00 for the acquisition and stabilization of the Virginian Railway Station.

Overview

The rehabilitation of the Virginian Railway Passenger Station will provide many benefits to the City of Roanoke, its citizens and visitors. The project preserves a piece of Roanoke's railroad heritage and creates a home for the local chapter of the National Railroad Historical Society. It will provide office and meeting space for the NRHS, display pieces of railroad history related to the Virginian Railway, and make their archival collection more accessible to the public. Greater access to the NRHS archives will contribute to the establishment of Roanoke as a hub for railroad research by creating a network of facilities; Virginia Museum of Transportation, O. Winston Link Museum, NRHS Virginian Railway Passenger Station Museum, and the Virginia Tech N & W archives.

The project will also provide a comfort station with public toilets, bike racks, and an information kiosk for the Mill Mountain Greenway and serve as a gateway from downtown to the. Riverside Center for Research and Technology. A portion of the space will be leased to a commercial entity to provide services to this rapidly developing area.

The Virginian Passenger Station is a valuable piece of Roanoke's history and contributes an architectural masterpiece to the rail heritage of the Roanoke Valley. The station is eligible under Criterion A of the National Register of Historic Places in the area of Transportation because of its contribution to the railroad industry and its facilitation of passenger transport to and from Roanoke. It is also eligible under Criterion C of the National Register of Historic Places in the area of Architecture for its unique visual characteristics and methods of construction that were only used for a brief period of time, and only by the railroad industry.

There is a tremendous amount of community-wide support for the rehabilitation and utilization of this old station building. Following the fire in January 2001, a consortium of local civic and cultural groups met to express concern over the future of the station. The Roanoke Valley Preservation Foundation and the NRHS/Roanoke Chapter lead the efforts to work with Norfolk Southern for the donation of the building to the NRHS.

There is an urgent need to revitalize the building because of its damage from fire and subsequent exposure to the elements. The roof needs to be replaced and new windows placed in the building to protect the structural integrity of the building. The station has been sitting for three years with a major hole in its roof allowing water to pour into the building and potentially damage the interior areas. The historical significance of the station makes it mandatory that rehabilitation work be completed as soon as possible.

Grant Criteria Met:

The Virginian Railway Passenger Station meets seven of the twelve categories under which a project may qualify, including:

1. Bicycle and pedestrian facilities;
2. Scenic easements and scenic or historic sites;
3. Landscaping and other scenic beautification;
4. Historic preservation;
5. Rehabilitation and operation of Historic transportation Building, Structure, of Facilities;
6. Mitigation of pollution due to highway run- off and wildlife protection.
7. Establish a Transportation Museum.

In addition the Virginian Railway Passenger Station scores well under most of the evaluation criteria, particularly relationship to education and historic benefits; demonstrated need to stabilize this valuable resource; and project usefulness as it provides a comfort station to the Mill Mountain Greenway and gateway to the Riverside Center. Public support for this project includes local civic and cultural groups as well as local citizens is strong.

Cost

The total project cost is approximately \$2.2 million for the full renovation of the station property. This application requests funding for the first (and most urgent) phase of the project: acquisition and stabilization of the structure, including the repair of the roof, at the estimated cost of \$391,000 (\$124,000 for acquisition and 267,000 for roof stabilization). The 2005-2006 TEA-21 grant application requested \$213,600.00 and received \$85,000 in the 2005 appropriations. We are currently asking for the balance of \$182,000 needed to complete Phase One of the project. Match to date is provided in the value of the building (\$124,000) as donated by Norfolk Southern Corporation. This match equals 40.5% of the balance of the Phase One project cost.

Project Funding Summary

PROJECT APPLICANT	Federal Funds Requested	Non-federal Total by Applicant (%) (20% Minimum)	Applicant's Proposed Source of Funds (Local Match)
City of Roanoke (Lick Run Greenway)	\$480,000	\$210,000 (30.4%)	Capital Improvement Program
Historical Society of Western Virginia (O. Winston Link Museum Open Storage)	\$172,000	\$43,000 (20.0%)	Donations of cash, appreciated securities, and other assets

Existing Projects for which additional funds are being requested:

PROJECT APPLICANT	Federal Funds Requested	Non-federal Total by Applicant (%) (20% Minimum)	Applicant's Proposed Source of Funds (Local Match)
Total Action Against Poverty (Dumas Center for Artistic and Cultural Development)	\$700,000	\$175,000 (20.0%)	Capital Improvement Program, donations
Roanoke Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society (Virginian Railway Passenger Station)	\$182,000	\$124,000 (40.5%)	Building value as donated by Norfolk Southern Corporation

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROANOKE, VIRGINIA,

A RESOLUTION requesting that the Commonwealth Transportation Board establish an enhancement project for a greenway connection from the Lick Run Greenway to the Roanoke Civic Center, via Walker Avenue.

WHEREAS, the City of Roanoke ("City") is requesting Transportation Enhancement funds in the amount of \$480,000.00 for a greenway connection from the Lick Run Greenway to the Roanoke Civic Center, via Walker Avenue;

WHEREAS, a greenway link from the Lick Run Greenway to the Roanoke Civic Center, via Walker Avenue, will provide for off road pedestrian and bicycle accommodation from the Hotel Roanoke and Greater Downtown Roanoke to the Roanoke Civic Center;

WHEREAS, the Link Run Greenway provides an off road connection northerly to the Valley View Mall and Roanoke Regional Airport area; and

WHEREAS, City Council and the Metropolitan Planning Organization must endorse an application prior to submittal to the Virginia Department of Transportation ("the Department") by the applicant by November 1, 2005.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Roanoke that:

1. The City hereby endorses and requests that the Commonwealth Transportation Board establish a project for a greenway connection from the Lick Run Greenway to the Roanoke Civic Center, via Walker Avenue, such project being more particularly described in the City Manager's letter dated October 17, 2005, to City Council.

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2. Pursuant to the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, the City hereby agrees to pay a minimum of twenty percent (20%) of the total amount of costs associated for a greenway connection from the Lick Run Greenway to the Roanoke Civic Center, via Walker Avenue, and that if the City subsequently elects to cancel this project, the City hereby agrees to reimburse the Department for the total amount of the costs expended by the Department through the date the Department is notified of such cancellation.

3. The City Manager and the City Clerk are hereby authorized on behalf of the City to execute and attest, respectively, all necessary and appropriate agreements with the Department providing for the programming of such project, such agreements to be in such form as is approved by the City Attorney, and such agreements requiring the City to be fully responsible for its matching funds as well as other obligations undertaken by the City by virtue of such agreements.

4. The City Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the appropriate officials at the Commonwealth Transportation Board.

ATTEST:

City Clerk.

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROANOKE, VIRGINIA,

A RESOLUTION requesting that the Commonwealth Transportation Board establish an enhancement project for completion of an open storage system for the O. Winston Link Museum, the newest operating division of the Historical Society of Western Virginia.

WHEREAS, the Historical Society of Western Virginia ("Society") is requesting Transportation Enhancement funds in the amount of \$172,000.00 to develop and create a customized display system, capable of safely storing more than 100 original photographs, for its newest operating division, the O. Winston Link Museum;

WHEREAS, the open storage unit will provide the institution with the ability to appropriately house and display the balance of the collection's 275 photographic works, all documenting the waning days of the N & W steam locomotive program;

WHEREAS, the open storage unit will allow patrons interested in photography and in regional and railway history to view all of the collection; and

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Roanoke that:

1. The City hereby endorses and requests that the Commonwealth Transportation Board establish a project for completion of an open storage system for the O. Winston Link Museum, such project being more particularly described in the City Manager's letter dated October 17, 2005, to City Council.

2. Pursuant to the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, the City hereby agrees to pay a minimum of twenty percent (20%) of the total amount of costs associated with the completion of an open storage system for the O. Winston Link Museum, and that if the City subsequently elects to cancel this project, the City hereby agrees to reimburse the Department for the total amount of the costs expended by the Department through the date the Department is notified of such cancellation.

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4. The City Manager and the City Clerk are hereby authorized on behalf of the City to execute and attest, respectively, a legally binding agreement with the project applicant, the Society, subject to the application being approved by the Department, requiring the applicant to be fully responsible for its matching funds as well as all other obligations undertaken by the City by virtue of the City/State Agreement, such agreement to be in such form as is approved by the City Attorney.

5. The City Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the appropriate officials at the Commonwealth Transportation Board.

ATTEST:

City Clerk.